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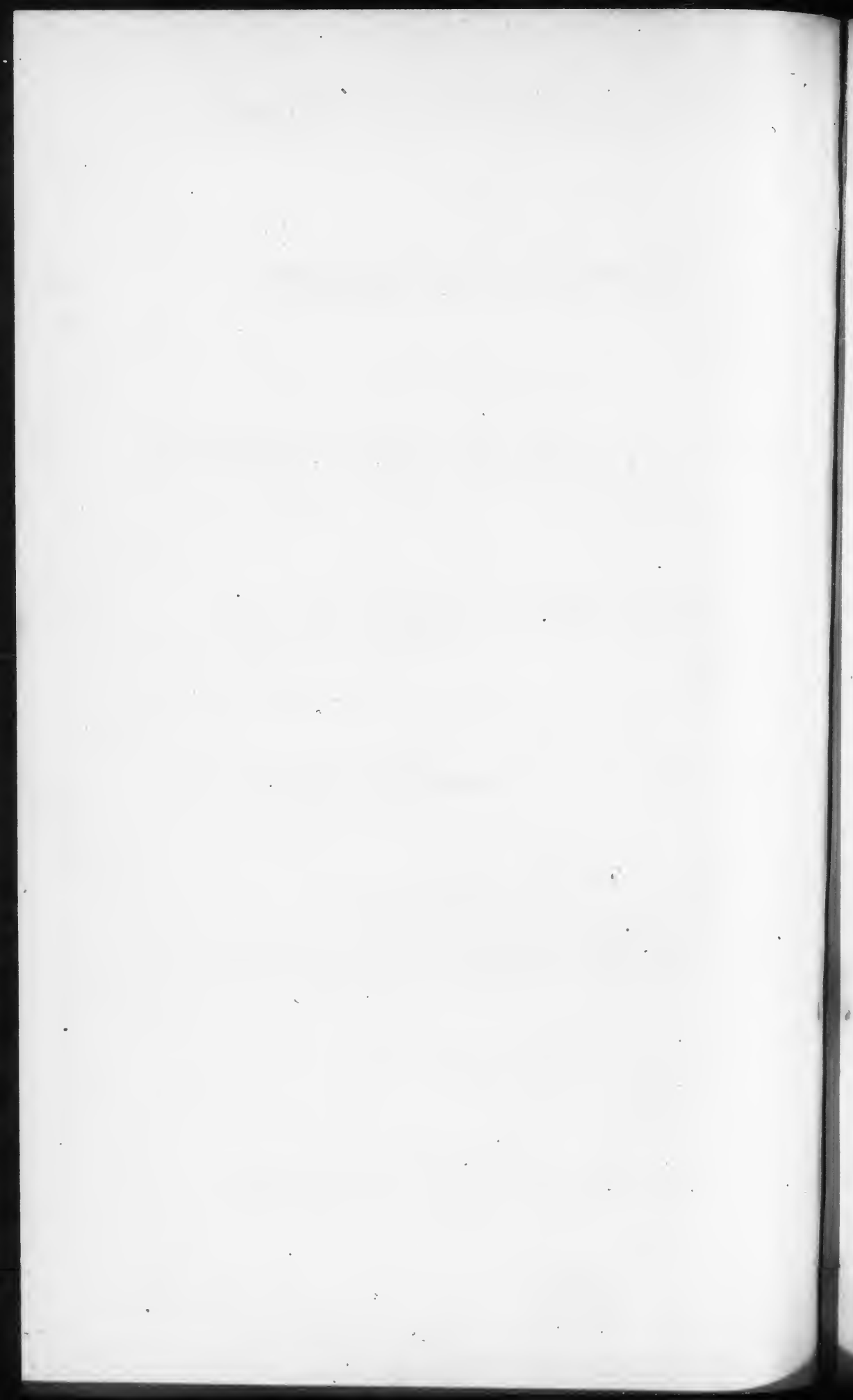
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Term expires, 1899.—J. R. Payne, G. M. Tuttle, H. C. Hollingsworth.

Term expires, 1900.—W. H. Jones, J. H. Lukens, B. F. Shane.

Term expires, 1901.—W. H. Heppe, E. C. Brooks, Mrs. L. G. Murphy.

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1. Each candidate shall pay to the registrar a matriculation fee of one dollar a year.
2. Traveling expenses are to be prorated.
3. Candidates, except those for admission on trial, are expected to take examinations at the mid-year meeting. Only those who attend this examination may arrange to complete their work in the interim of this meeting and the ensuing Annual Conference.
4. Candidates who are examined at Conference are expected to present themselves on the day before Conference. The Discipline does not authorize any other day at the seat of Conference. [Appendix, Par. 57, 7.]
5. The mid-year examinations will be held late in May or the first week in June. Place to be announced.
6. Each syllabus shall contain not less than five hundred nor more than two thousand words for each book.

EXAMINERS.

1. Examiners will come together at call of the Chairman, at 8 o'clock A. M., on the day preceding the opening of the Annual Conference.
 2. The traveling expenses of Examiners are to be prorated.
 3. Syllabi are to be examined, an average made for all, and so reported, giving one average.
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APPOINTMENTS.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.—THOMAS OSBORN.
Alternate, A. E. THORNLEY.

To Deliver the Annual Educational Address.—W. P. STODDARD.

IV.

JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE IOWA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

FIRST DAY.

MONTEZUMA, IOWA, September 28, 1898.

Opening.—The Fifty-fifth Session of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the Methodist Church, Montezuma, Iowa, September 28, 1898, with Bishop J. H. Vincent, D. D., presiding. After a brief address by the Bishop, devotional services were conducted and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by the Bishop, aided by the presiding elders.

Roll-call.—The roll of the Conference was then called by the Secretary of the former session, and the following members and probationers answered to their names: D. G. Abbott, F. W. Adams, Morris Bamford, George Barber, T. F. Barker, J. F. Barnett, D. C. Bevan, S. F. Bishop, Alexander Boyd, B. M. Boydston, E. C. Brooks, F. E. Brush, A. E. Buriff, G. W. Byrkit, G. F. Cannom, J. W. Carson, J. C. Caughlan, W. L. Clapp, C. E. Coggeshall, R. Collier, C. S. Cooper, C. E. Corkhill, J. E. Corley, C. V. Cowan, J. C. W. Coxe, W. H. Dillon, D. S. Dunlavy, W. M. Erskine, H. C. Ethell, George Filmer, J. W. Fraker, W. S. Gardner, H. F. Gilbert, W. N. Groome, A. W. Haines, John Hanks, J. B. Hardy, P. J. Henness, W. H. Heppe, A. B. Hightshoe, T. B. Hughes, R. F. Hurlburt, Hardy A. Ingham, W. B. Ireland, W. R. Jeffrey, W. H. Jones, I. O. Kemble, J. W. Lambert, W. A. Longnecker, A. S. Loveall, W. H. Mahaffie, A. M. Mahaffie, Waldo B. Marsh, H. C. Millice, C. H. Montgomery, W. S. Moore, T. J. Myers, J. E. Newsome, C. R. Norton, H. R. Osborne, Thomas Osborn, R. L. Patterson, J. R. Payne, David Phillips, E. J. Pike, J. W. Pool, G. W. Pool, Thomas S. Pool, John Potter, J. W. Potter, W. N. Potter, C. W. Powelson, M. J. Pusey, E. L. Schreiner, H. B. Scoles, B. F. Shane, W. S. Shearer, E. J. Shook, J. A. Sinclair, A. M. Smith, D. C. Smith, E. J. Smith, Herman N. Smith, C. L. Stafford, D. F. Stiles, W. P. Stoddard, W. R. Stryker, C. L. Tennant, I. P. Teter, W. G. Thorn, G. M. Tuttle, W. C. Van Schoiack, Renix Weese, C. H. Westfall, J. E. Wilkins, C. F. Williams, J. C. Willits, C. W. Wilson.—96.

Probationers.—G. H. Hanawalt, D. R. Martin, Alexander W. McBlain, Robert D. Pool, Marion L. Saunders, Wilfred E. Snyder, John H. Taylor, Fred B. Tucker.—8.

Election of Secretary.—On motion of I. P. Teter, an informal ballot was taken for Secretary, resulting in 45 for C. L. Stafford; 25 for J. C. W. Coxe; 2 for M. Bamford; 14 for J. C. Willits, and 1 for I. P. Teter: and on motion of D. C. Smith, C. L. Stafford was elected by acclamation. J. C. Willits and W. P. Stoddard were nominated by the Secretary as assistants, and were elected.

Statistical Secretary and Treasurer.—On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, F. W. Adams was elected Statistical Secretary, and C. V. Cowan and Elias Handy were elected assistants. On motion of C. L. Stafford, T. S. Pool was elected Treasurer.

Bar of Conference.—On motion of I. P. Teter, the bar of the Conference was fixed at the south side of fourth window from the pulpit.

Times of Meeting and Adjourning.—On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, the hour of meeting was fixed at 8.30, and of adjournment at 11.45.

Standing Committees.—The following Standing Committees were appointed:

Auditing Committee.—H. F. Gilbert, W. C. Barclay, Isaac Borts, W. B. Ireland.

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Church Insurance.—J. C. Kendrick, Thos. Osborn, R. L. Patterson, A. E. Buriff, A. W. Haines.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question, viz.: "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up, and G. M. Tuttle, presiding elder of Burlington District; C. S. Cooper, presiding elder of Keokuk District; J. C. W. Coxe, presiding elder of Muscatine District, and D. C. Smith, presiding elder of Ottumwa District, were represented, passed, and read their reports. W. G. Wilson, presiding elder of Oskaloosa District, was represented and passed, and being sick was unable to be present and read his report, and J. E. Corley was, by his request, invited to represent the district in Cabinet work.

The following effective elders of the Burlington District, were represented, reported their collections, and were passed: George Filmer, R. F. Hurlburt, W. H. Mahaffie, U. S. Smith, C. W. Powelson, W. S. Kight, W. L. Clapp, B. M. Boydston, J. C. Willits, M. J. Pusey, A. E. Buriff, W. P. Stoddard, S. Thero.

Introduced.—H. C. Jennings, D. D., of the Western Methodist Book Concern was introduced, and addressed the Conference in that interest.

Thirteenth Question Resumed.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed, and J. W. Fraker, G. F. Cannom, E. E. Doud, S. F. Bishop, T. S. Pool, and J. Hanks, were represented, reported their collections, and were passed. C. L. Stafford, President of Iowa Wesleyan University, F. W. Adams, Professor in, and T. J. Myers, Treasurer of, Iowa Wesleyan University, were represented and passed.

Methodist Review.—Thomas Osborn was appointed to canvass for the *Methodist Review*.

Order of the Day.—The consideration of the Proposition sent out by the Rock River Conference on Equal Lay Representation, was made the Order of the Day on Friday, immediately after the reading of the minutes.

Introduced.—W. L. Clark, Pastor Presbyterian Church of this city; John Scott, Central Illinois Conference; S. H. Pye, of St. Louis Depository; and L. A. Crull, Oklahoma Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Time Extended.—On motion of C. L. Stafford, the time was extended.

Receiving Reports.—On motion of C. L. Stafford, the Statistical Secretary and Conference Treasurer, were to receive the reports at 1.30, in the parlors of the Church.

Missionary Debt.—On motion, the Publishers of the Minutes were requested to prepare an extra column for the amounts raised on Missionary Debt.

To Receive Deficiencies.—On motion, C. H. Westfall was appointed to receive the deficiencies on salary of W. G. Wilson.

Publishing Conference Minutes.—On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, the Secretaries were appointed to edit and publish 2,500 copies of the Conference Minutes, and distribute them on basis of membership.

Adjourned.—On motion of I. P. Teter, Conference adjourned: the benediction pronounced by J. C. W. Coxe.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 29, 1898.

CONFERENCE met at 8.30, with Bishop Vincent presiding. The first half hour was used by the Bishop in an address on 1 Timothy vi, at the close of which, Dr. Rees led in prayer.

The Minutes.—The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Thirteenth Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed, and the following members reported their collections and were passed: H. F. Gilbert, J. E. Wilkins, T. B. Hughes, I. O. Kemble, G. W. Pool, R. Weese, T. F. Barker, J. A. Boatman, G. W. Barber, C. L. Tennant, J. W. Potter, W. R. Jeffrey, Jr., J. W. Carson, B. F. Shane, W. M. Erskine, D. G. Abbott, W. C. Chew, G. W. Byrkit, W. N. Potter, D. C. Bevan, A. M. Smith, A. B. Hightshoe, W. R. Stryker, L. A. Crull, J. W. Hackley, J. C. Kendrick, J. R. Payne, H. M. Smith, W. G. Thorn, W. H. Jones, J. E. Newsome, I. B. Schreckengast, H. F. Pugh, J. F. Barnett, W. C. Van Schoiack, David Phillips, D. T. Stiles, J. E. Corley, Isaac Borts, W. A. Longnecker, Richard Collier, A. V. Kendrick, A. W. Haines, E. C. Brooks, C. V. Cowan, Elias Handy, I. P. Teter, M. Bamford, C. H. Westfall, D. S. Dunlavy, S. P. Souden, A. S. Loveall, J. A. Sinclair, W. N. Groome, Thomas Osborn, E. L. Schreiner, W. A. Jackson, W. B. Marsh, H. C. Millice, W. S. Gardner, Latham Ingham, J. C. Caughlan, J. W. Lambert, C. W. Wilson, C. R. Norton, F. E. Brush, W. H. Heppe, W. S. Moore, E. J. Pike, A. C. Boyd, J. M. Coates, P. J. Henness, R. L. Patterson.

Roll-Call.—The call of yesterday's absentees was made, and the following members answered to their names: W. C. Barclay, J. A. Boatman, Isaac Borts, Richard Breeden, W. C. Chew, J. M. Coates, E. S. Daly, E. E. Doud, W. L. Fry, J. W. Hackley, W. N. Hall, Elias Handy, J. B. Hill, J. M.

Hoover, J. C. Kendrick, H. F. Pugh, I. B. Schreckengast, H. N. Smith, U. B. Smith, S. P. Souden, W. G. Wilson—21. Probationers: B. G. Hankins, G. Schlenker, E. Lloyd Tennant—3.

Missionary Debt.—J. E. Corley moved, and the motion prevailed, that one from each district be appointed to receive the money for the Missionary debt, and prepare report of the same for publication in Minutes.

Introduced.—W. H. W. Rees, D. D., representing the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in that interest. G. J. Ellis, pastor Church of Disciples, of the city, and C. J. English, Ph. D., of Des Moines Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Referred to Committee.—D. C. Smith moved that the list of supernumerary preachers be referred to Committee on Conference Relations, which was carried.

Laid on the Table.—Motion that the probationers be referred to Committee on Conference Relations was, on motion of W. G. Wilson, laid on the table.

Name Erased from Conference List.—The name of F. R. Holcomb was erased from the Conference list, he being a member of the Southern California Conference.

Made Supernumerary.—On motion of D. C. Smith, the name of W. A. Jackson was placed on supernumerary list.

Candidates for Admission.—On motion of D. C. Smith, all candidates for admission on trial were referred to Committee on Conference Relations.

Readmission and Transfer.—On motion of J. C. Kendrick, all applicants for readmission and transfer were referred to Committee on Conference Relations.

Superannuated.—The Twenty-third Question was taken up, and the following brethren were continued in the superannuated relation: Anthony Robinson, E. H. Waring, Harrison Runyan, Michael See, Oliver P. Light, W. F. Cowles, J. B. Hill, J. B. Hardy, A. W. Stryker, J. G. Thompson, Jesse Craig, S. H. Thomas, James Haynes, Nelson Wells.

Withdrawn.—In the case of I. A. Bradrick, T. J. Myers moved that he be permitted to withdraw from the Conference under complaints, which was carried.

Referred to Committee.—On motion of D. C. Smith, the case of W. A. Phelps was referred to Committee on Conference Relations.

Resolution.—"WHEREAS, From time to time, transfers, usually of desirable men, have been made to this Conference without any corresponding vacancy by transfers out of the Conference, by which a certain wrong has been wrought upon those who have made the Conference what it is, and upon the young men growing up among us; therefore,

"Resolved, That we respectfully request the presiding Bishops to make no transfers to this Conference unless some member, holding the same grade of appointment, be transferred out;" which, upon motion, was adopted.

Question Nine.—Question Nine, "What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up, and the following reported their collections: Wade C. Barclay, Albert M. Mahaffie, and William S. Shearer. The Committee on Examinations not being ready, the completion of their cases was deferred.

Question Thirty.—"Where shall the Next Conference be held?" R. F. Hurlburt placed in nomination First Church, Burlington, which was selected as the place for holding the next session.

Addressed.—The candidates for full membership were called forward, and asked the Disciplinary questions and addressed by the Bishop: George H. Hanawalt, A. W. McBlain, John H. Taylor, George Schlenker, and D. Roland Martin. Walter W. Williams and Frederick B. Tucker were not present.

Time Extended.—The time was extended to finish the business.

Announcements and Adjournment.—The usual announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 30, 1898.

THE Conference met at 8.30, Bishop Vincent presiding. The congregation joined in singing Hymn 608—"Faith of our fathers! living still"—after which the Bishop offered prayer. The first half hour was spent in an address from the Bishop on 2 Timothy i; at the close of which, Dr. Heard led in prayer.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Order of the Day.—The Order of the day—viz., the Proposition of the Rock River Conference on Equal Lay Representation—was taken up. On motion of M. Bamford, the vote was taken by ballot. On motion of I. P. Teter, the ballots were to read, "For" or "Against." The following were appointed Tellers: Elias Handy, H. B. Scoles, W. C. Barclay, and B. M. Boydston, who retired with the ballots.

Drafts.—Drafts on the Book Concern for \$850 and on the Chartered Fund for \$22 were ordered, and turned over to the Treasurer of Board of Stewards.

General Conference Expenses.—The apportionment for expenses of next General Conference, amounting to \$1,220, was referred to the presiding elders.

Book Concern Accounts.—On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, the New York Book Concern accounts were referred to Thomas Osborn.

Motion to Refer Laid on the Table.—Motion that a Special Committee of Three, to whom all probationers be referred, was, on motion of I. P. Teter, laid on the table.

Tellers' Report.—The Tellers reported the vote upon the Rock River Proposition for Equal Lay Representation: "For," 91; "Against," 22.

Accounts Referred.—The accounts of *World-wide Missions* were referred to H. C. Millice for collection.

"The Conference Examiner."—On motion of C. L. Stafford, John H. Taylor was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the *Conference Examiner*.

Introduced.—C. M. Heard, D. D., Editor of *Conference Examiner*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of the same.

Question Ten.—Question Ten, "What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up, and the following reported their collections, were represented by their presiding elders and the Board of Examiners, and elected to elders' orders: Hardy A. Ingham, William H. Dillon, Charles E. Coggeshall, Harry R. Osborne, Harry B. Scoles, John W. Pool. On motion of C. L. Stafford, James E. Vanwinkle was elected to elder's orders, conditioned upon the completion of his examinations. William H. Perdew was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year, and left without an appointment to attend school. Hiram T. Robinson was continued in the Studies of the Fourth Year, and left without appointment to attend school, and grades furnished the Registrar for the work done in the studies of the year. George L. Minear was passed, continued in Fourth Year, and left without appointment to attend school.

Permitted to Record Votes.—Several who were absent when the vote was taken on Equal Lay Representation were permitted to record their votes.

Question Twelve.—Question Twelve, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up: (a) As Local Deacons? None. (b) Under the Missionary Rule? None.

Question Eleven.—Question Eleven, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up: (a) As Local Preachers? Burlington District, Harry C. Druse; Oskaloosa District, Andrew J. Good.

Referred.—On motion of H. B. Scoles, the candidates for local deacons' orders were referred to Committee on Conference Relations.

Reconsidered.—On motion of D. C. Smith, the case of George L. Minear was reconsidered.

Referred.—On motion of J. C. W. Cox, the case of George L. Minear was referred to Committee on Conference Relations.

Introduced.—W. W. Carlton, D. D., presiding elder of Cedar Rapids District, Upper Iowa Conference; Hon. L. S. Coffin, President Iowa State Anti-saloon League; Miss Ida E. Miner, of Washington, D. C., Deaconess Home; and A. J. Kynett, D. D., of the Church Extension Society, were introduced.

Addressed the Conference.—Dr. Kynett addressed the Conference in the interest of the Church Extension Society.

Time Extended.—On motion of C. L. Stafford, the time was extended to finish the business.

Announcements and Adjournment.—The usual announcements were made, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Kynett.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, October 1, 1898.

CONFERENCE met at 8.30 A. M., with Bishop Vincent presiding. After singing Hymn No. 211, "When I survey the wondrous cross," the Bishop continued the exposition of 2 Timothy, after which E. J. Pike led in prayer.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Question Four.—Question Four—viz., "Who have been Received on Trial?"—was taken up, and the following—James B. Eyestone, James W. Caldwell, from Keokuk District; Charles E. Fitzsimmons, Herbert J. Rutledge, and Alexander Telfer, from Muscatine District; Frank I. Poage, Edward P. Meagher, Andrew J. Good, from Oskaloosa District; and J. Willard De Yoe, John S. Decker, from Ottumwa District—were recommended in due form.

Introduced.—W. T. Smith, D. D., Secretary of Missionary Society; Hon. James Harlan, Chancellor of Iowa Wesleyan University; Miss L. A. Wilkinson, of China, were introduced to the Conference.

Question Four Continued.—The following were represented by their presiding elders, the Committee on Examinations, and Committee on Conference Relations, and were admitted on trial: Andrew J. Good, conditioned on bringing up studies, not passed; Frank I. Poage, James B. Eyestone, and James W. Caldwell.

The following were recommended to be employed by the presiding elders as supplies: Alexander Telfer, Charles E. Fitzsimmons, Herbert J. Rutledge, J. Willard De Yoe, Edward P. Meagher, and John S. Decker.

Addressed Conference.—Miss Miner, of the Washington (D. C.) Deaconess Home, addressed the Conference in the interest of the Deaconess work.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of G. M. Tuttle, it was voted that, when we adjourn, it be to meet at 2 P. M. for afternoon session.

Disciplinary Questions.—Fred B. Tucker was called to the chancel of the church, and asked the usual Disciplinary questions.

Excused.—On motion of W. G. Wilson, C. F. Williams, State Organizer of Anti-saloon League, was excused from further attendance at Conference.

Question Seven.—Question Seven, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up, and George H. Hanawalt, Alexander W.

McBlain, and John H. Taylor were reported by Committee on Examinations, represented by their presiding elders, admitted into full connection, and elected to deacons' orders.

Walter W. Williams was reported by Committee on Examinations, represented by his presiding elder, and continued on trial in Studies of the Third Year.

Time Extended.—On motion of C. L. Stafford, the time was extended to finish the business.

Announcements and Adjournment.—The usual announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with benediction by the Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 1, 1898.

THE Conference met, pursuant to adjournment, at 2 P. M., and J. C. W. Coxé conducted the opening exercise.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Seventh Question Resumed.—The Seventh Question was resumed, and Frederick B. Tucker and Daniel R. Martin, being represented by the Committee on Examinations and their presiding elders, were admitted into full connection, and elected to deacons' orders. In the case of George Schlenker, it was moved by D. C. Smith that his case be referred to a Special Committee of three, and the Bishop appointed E. J. Pike, B. F. Shane, and J. C. Kendrick as such Committee.

Question Eleventh.—The Eleventh Question, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up, and Harry C. Druse and Andrew J. Good, being represented by the Committee on Examinations and their presiding elders, were elected to deacons' orders. On motion of J. E. Corley, credit for work done on Local Deacon's Course, was given to M. L. Sanders.

Question Twenty-two.—The Twenty-second Question was taken up, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" and the following were continued in that relation: Banner Mark, F. W. Evans, W. C. Shippen, W. J. Spaulding, J. T. Simmons, J. S. Ferguson, I. N. Busby, John Davis, John Potter, A. Latimer, J. H. Armacost, H. C. Ethell, J. G. Barton.

Asked to Locate.—On motion of I. P. Teter, J. J. Beckham was asked to locate.

Superannuated.—On motion of his presiding elder, Warren A. Phelps was placed upon the superannuated list.

Deferred.—The recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, that W. N. Hall and Charles E. Corkhill be made effective, was, on motion, postponed until Monday.

Located.—On motion of his presiding elder, Isaac Borts was granted a certificate of location, at his own request. On motion of G. M. Tuttle, G. B. Swartz was granted a certificate of location, at his own request.

Left without Appointment.—On motion of C. S. Cooper, George L. Minear was continued in the Class of the Fourth Year, and left without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

Referred for Trial.—The name of John Bridges was called, and the Committee on Conference Relations recommended that he be referred to his presiding elder for trial.

Addressed.—Dr. W. T. Smith addressed the Conference in the interest of the Missionary Society.

Report on Education.—The report of the Committee on Education was presented by W. H. Heppe. On motion of E. C. Brooks, the paper relating to the organization of the Woman's Guild was referred to the Committee. Chancellor Harlan addressed the Conference in the interests of the college. Motion to adjourn prevailed, and Dr. Young pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, October 3, 1898.

Opening of Session.—Conference met at 8.30 A. M., and Bishop Vincent continued his exposition of 2 Timothy, after which C. V. Cowan led in prayer.

Minutes Approved.—The minutes of Saturday afternoon's session were read and approved,

Questions One, Two, and Three.—Questions One, Two, and Three were called, and the answer to each was, "None."

Question Five.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up, and Robert D. Pool and Benjamin G. Hankins reported their collections, were represented by Committee on Examinations, and were advanced to the Studies of the Second Year.

Marion L. Sanders, having previously reported his collections, was represented by the Committee on Examinations and his presiding elder, advanced to the Studies of the Second Year, and left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Wilford C. Keeler, not before Committee on Examinations, was continued in Studies of First Year, and left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Walter W. Williams being represented by Committee on Examinations, was continued in Studies of Third Year, and left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

Paul H. McBeth, not having been before the Committee on Examinations, was continued in Studies of First Year.

Horace S. Wiley and W. E. Snyder were discontinued, at their own request.

Transferred.—Fred C. Demorest, in the Studies of the Third Year, was transferred to the Central Illinois Conference.

Certificate of Ordination.

DEACONS: *George H. Hanawalt, Alexander W. McBlain, John H. Taylor, Frederick B. Tucker, Daniel Roland Martin, Harry C. Druse, Andrew J. Good.* ELDERS: *Hardy A. Ingham, William H. Dillon, Charles E. Coggeshall, Harry R. Osborne, Harry B. Scoles, John W. Pool, James E. Vanwinkle.*

This is to Certify, That at Montezuma, Iowa, under the authority of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained the above-named persons, respectively, as Deacons and Elders, on Sabbath, October 2, 1898. JOHN H. VINCENT, President.

MONTEZUMA, IA., October 2, 1898.

Special Committee.—The Committee to whom was referred the case of George Schlenker reported:

"Having listened to the statements concerning the ground of complaint and matters complained of, we report that, in our judgment, they are trivial, and largely matters of report and misunderstandings, and we recommend that he be admitted into full connection.

J. C. KENDRICK,
E. J. PIKE,
B. F. SHANE."

The report was, on motion, adopted.

Question Nine.—Question Nine, "What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up, and Wade C. Barclay, William L. Fry, E. J. Smith, A. M. Mahaffie, and W. S. Shearer reported their collections, were represented, passed in their studies, and advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year. Credit was given A. M. Mahaffie for the work done in the Fourth Year, and W. S. Shearer was conditioned in syllabus and sermon. Hiram T. Robinson, W. F. Gilmore, and J. M. Hooper were continued in Studies of the Third Year.

C. E. Corkhill.—The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that the case of C. E. Corkhill be referred to his presiding elder for investigation, and that he be continued in the supernumerary relation; which report was adopted.

Continued Supernumerary.—J. J. Beckham was continued in supernumerary relation.

Superannuated.—By his own request, W. N. Hall was placed in the superannuated relation.

Triers of Appeal.—The following were appointed as Triers of Appeal: G. W. Pool, W. R. Stryker, E. Handy, J. E. Corley, C. W. Powelson, C. W. Wilson, and J. W. Lambert.

Recalled.—On motion of D. C. Smith, the recommendation of the Board of Stewards in their annual report of last year, memorializing the ensuing General Conference to amend Paragraph 293 of the Discipline by adding to the same the following, "and that said amount be a pro rata claim against the charge with those of Bishops, presiding elders, and pastors," was recalled.

Conference Claimant Fund.—On motion of E. L. Schreiner, the Treasurer of the Conference Claimant Fund was instructed to retain the amount of money now in his possession.

Stewards' Report.—The report of the Board of Stewards and Trustees on receipts and disbursements was presented, read, adopted, and distribution made accordingly. (See Report.)

Permanent Fund.—On motion of E. L. Schreiner, U. B. Smith was appointed to settle with the administrator of C. W. Shepherd's estate, in the interest of the Permanent Fund.

Board of Stewards.—On motion of W. G. Wilson, the Board of Stewards shall consist of nine persons, divided into classes of three each, one class to expire each year.

Statistical Secretary's Report.—The Statistical Secretary made his report, which was adopted.

Receipt Filed.—On motion of W. G. Wilson, a receipt of \$100 from the Missionary Society was allowed to be filed with the editors of the Minutes for insertion.

Referred to Auditing Committee.—On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, the expense of the Board of Examiners, the Secretaries, and the Attorney in case of the appeal of P. C. Hogle, were referred to Auditing Committee.

Report of Committee on Education.—W. G. Wilson moved the adoption of report of Committee on Education. A. Buriff moved as a substitute, that the report be read by sections, which prevailed. Sections 1 and 2 were adopted. Section 3 was amended by requiring the Committee to report to Executive Committee by November 1st, and, the name of P. J. Henness being substituted for that of Morris Bamford, it was adopted. On motion of J. C. W. Coxe, the following was adopted in place of Section 4:

"Resolved, That we deem it unwise at this time to raise the issue as to the consolidation of our educational institutions in this State, and deprecate any agitation of this question in Church papers or Conference gatherings."

Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 were adopted as read.

Report No. 2, from same Committee, was adopted, and, on motion, the report as a whole was adopted. (See Report.)

On motion of W. P. Stoddard, the report of the Board of Visitors was adopted.

Board of Stewards.—On motion of E. L. Schreiner, the matter of appointing two additional members of the Board of Stewards, and the organization of the classes, was referred to the presiding elders.

Cabinet Retired.—The Bishop and presiding elders retired, and, by appointment of the Bishop, J. E. Corley took the chair.

Reports of Standing Committees.—The following Standing Committees made their reports, which were read and adopted: Deaconesses, State of the Country, State of the Church, and Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute.

Woman's Guild.—On motion of T. J. Myers, Mrs. L. G. Murphy's name was added to the Committee on Organization of Woman's Guild of Iowa Wesleyan University.

For Afternoon Session.—On motion of C. L. Stafford, it was voted that, when we adjourn, it be to meet at 1.30 P. M.

Unanimous Ballot.—On motion of J. C. Kendrick, the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for the election of the members of Board of Trustees of Iowa Wesleyan University.

Adjourned.—Motion to adjourn prevailed, and C. L. Stafford pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, October 3, 1898.

Opening.—Convened at 1.30 P. M., with J. E. Corley in the chair. The Conference joined in singing the hymn, "A charge to keep I have;" after which J. C. Kendrick led in prayer.

Minutes Read, Corrected, and Approved.—The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved.

Reports of Standing Committees.—The following Standing Committees reported: Epworth League, Tobacco, Temperance, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education, District Conference Journals, Church Extension, Church Insurance, Tracts, Sunday-schools, Iowa Children's Home Society, Periodical Accounts, Sabbath Observance, Books and Periodicals, Bible Society, Auditing Committee.

Temperance Anniversary.—On motion of W. H. Jones, the Committee on Public Worship, at the seat of the next Annual Conference, was instructed to provide for Temperance Anniversary.

Conference Claimants.—On motion of J. C. Kendrick, the Board of Stewards was instructed to pay Mrs. W. E. Patterson \$50 out of the Conference Claimant Fund.

Member of Board of Visitors.—On motion, B. F. Shane was appointed member of Board of Visitors to Iowa Wesleyan University, in place of P. J. Henness, resigned.

To Edit Reports.—On motion of E. C. Brooks, the Secretaries were instructed to edit the Reports for the Minutes.

Resolutions of Thanks.—Resolutions of Thanks were presented and adopted,—to the Mayor of the city, City Council, City Marshal, Pastors of

local Churches and their Congregations, Bishop Vincent, Managers of Iowa Central B. C. R. & N. Ry., and agents of these roads at Montezuma, E. C. Brooks, and members of Methodist Church. (See Reports.)

Introduced.—J. B. Young, D. D., Editor *Central Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference, and, on motion of J. C. Kendrick, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolved, That we are delighted with the visit of the Editor of Central Christian Advocate, and that we invite him to come again.”

Auditing Committee.—Report of Auditing Committee was taken up, and a collection for \$35.35 ordered, and a collection taken amounting to \$35.35.

Standing Committees.—On motion of W. R. Stryker, the presiding elders were authorized to nominate the Standing Committees for publishing in the Minutes next year.

Appointed.—On motion of C. L. Stafford, the Bishop was requested to appoint U. B. Smith as Assistant Superintendent of Iowa Children's Home Society, and C. F. Williams as State Organizer of the Anti-saloon League.

Reporting Salaries.—On motion of A. E. Buriff, the same order of reporting salaries of pastors on circuits shall obtain the coming year as that used this year.

Treasurer's Report.—The Treasurer presented his report, which was adopted.

Members of Board of Stewards.—The nomination of C. H. Montgomery and E. C. Brooks as members of the Board of Stewards was approved, and the arranging into classes of the Board of Stewards, as made by the presiding elders, was adopted.

Standing Committees.—The list of Standing Committees for the next year was announced. (See List.)

Collection for Janitor.—Collection for the church janitor having charge was taken, amounting to \$10.30.

Officers Nominated.—The officers of the Missionary Society were nominated and elected.

A motion to adjourn without date, after the reading of the Appointments, prevailed. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved, the Appointments were read, and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

JOHN H. VINCENT, PRESIDENT.

C. L. STAFFORD, SECRETARY.

V.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

G. M. TUTTLE, Presiding Elder.

IN presenting my second annual report of the Burlington District, I do so with feelings of profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his continued mercy in preserving my life and health, whereby I have been able to attend upon the duties and the responsibilities of the work committed to my care.

The only interruption which occurred after entering upon the work of the year, was that of Rev. G. B. Swartz giving up his pastorate of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church of Burlington, where he had served for four consecutive years. This separation took place in the month of December, 1897. The vacancy was filled at once by the appointment of Rev. W. H. Mahaffie, who had served as professor for several years in the Iowa Wesleyan University, of Mt. Pleasant. Notwithstanding this unfortunate occurrence, which engendered some unpleasantness, the Church has had a good degree of prosperity in all the departments of its work.

Aside from a few exceptions, the lives and health of the preachers and their families have been graciously preserved. Soon after Conference Brother and Sister Bishop were detained in New London, their former charge, by sickness in their family, and were sorely distressed by the death of their only daughter, Mabel, of diphtheria. Rev. J. T. Coleman, one of the superannuates of our Conference, passed to his reward during the year. Church building and repairs have prevailed to some extent. The church in process of building at Stockport, on the Hillsboro Circuit, and reported at the last Conference, has since then been completed and dedicated free from debt. A number of churches have been improved. At Fort Madison they have expended \$1,300, greatly to the advantage of the First Church. The pastor of the Burlington Circuit has taken the initiatory steps toward a new church at Augusta, and has secured \$500 toward the enterprise. Clay Grove and Pittman Chapel, of the West Point Circuit, Fredonia, Columbus Junction, and Sperry have improved and otherwise beautified their churches. Grace Church, Burlington; Sperry, and Wapello have been adding some needed repairs to their parsonages. Winfield is happy over the provision for an indebtedness of about \$1,000. During the year we have held two sessions of the District Conference, which were seasons of interest and profit. We also held one District Epworth League Convention, which was well attended, and whose work gave unmistakable evidence of a deep and heartfelt interest in the welfare of the Church. With wise management the Epworth

League is a great opportunity for the development of young life for the highest possible service in securing the redemption of souls. There will be an increase in the benevolent collections in the district over those of last year. The brethren have been faithful, I believe, to this sacred trust. A very generous response, which the reports will show, was given to the call to help pay the missionary debt.

The salaries of the preachers are quite generally paid in full. Where there is a failure it usually arises from the neglect of the stewards, or there has been an old church debt to be paid, or some necessary repairs to be made, and the shrinkage in pastors' salaries is simply another mode of expressing the fact that he was made to pay the bills. It is pleasant to note the upward tendency of our Sunday-school work. This department of Christian service well deserves the prominence and the consideration which it receives. With one or two exceptions, our own literature is used. There is, however, in a few instances a failure to comply with the plain letter of the Discipline in regard to the management and government of the Sunday-school, particularly in regard to the election of officers and teachers and the other business interests. In some places there exists a foolish prejudice against the Sunday-school Board as such, and so places the matter of selecting superintendents and teachers in the hands of those who have no adequate appreciation of the requisite fitness of those who shall have charge of these spiritual interests.

There seems to be a growing disposition to remove our Methodist Hymnal from our pulpits and congregations by the introduction of other and cheaper grades, and, I believe, of cheaper character. That there are some excellent and profitable hymns outside of our Church Hymnal is cheerfully conceded, but many of the singing-books are made up largely of such hymns as cater to a sickly sentimentality, which goes to nourish a flippant and superficial type of piety that is unreliable. If this shall continue, it is not difficult to see that we are determining a Church of the future whose character for service is by no means hopeful.

This has been, in a large degree, a year of refreshings from the presence of the Lord in the way of revivals. The Churches which have had the largest number of conversions and accessions are: First and Grace Churches, Burlington, and the Burlington Circuit, Danville, New London, Morning Sun, Wapello, Kossuth, and Hillsboro. Nearly all of the other Churches of the district have shared more or less in the gracious outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The university has had a fairly prosperous year, considering the financial stringency. There were graduates from its several departments as follows: Classical course, 7; Scientific course, 8; Philosophical course, 2; Musical course, 4; making a total of 21. The financial management of the university, which has been in operation for about one year, has the most hearty commendation of all who have observed it, and a better future for the college in this respect is reasonably assured. The school has already entered upon the work of the new year, and with almost an entire new corps of professors, and while this fact may have suggested some serious questioning as to the wisdom of so radical a change, still

it must be conceded, in all fairness to all concerned, that the work is being prosecuted with apparently as much thoroughness as that of any previous year. It is gratifying to know that the Howe Academy, having recently become a part of the university, has opened for work, with an attendance unsurpassed for some years, and with the promise of "more to follow." And now, after two years of observation as to the operations and needs of our university. I shall close my report with this reference as my conscientious conviction. We are nearing a crisis in the financial interests of our college. Something must be done, and that very soon, to meet the demands of the hour. Whatever others may see fit to say by way of commendation as to other Methodist colleges in the State, to the discouragement of patronage as to our own in the way of financial support, I am firm in the conviction that the Iowa Wesleyan University has not completed her mission. We are not ready to call a halt. The history of its work thus far is a credit to Methodism, not only in Southeastern Iowa, but also to the regions beyond. And it has still further and equally as good history to manufacture in the education of the young people, who naturally look toward this institution for the requisite help for life's great battle.

I believe that the time has come when the Iowa Conference of to-day, as it was in the earlier history of the institution, should respond to the last man, according to his ability and possibility, in helping to remove indebtedness, and thereby provide against any possible embarrassment that might come to the university. As a Conference, in view of our relations to the Methodism of Iowa and to the great mission of the Church to a lost world, we should give nothing less than our best possible efforts in helping to make the college a grand success. May we become deeply conscious of our individual responsibility in the case!

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

C. S. COOPER, Presiding Elder.

THE Keokuk District is situated in the southern portion of the Conference, and occupies about all the territory of Appanoose, Davis, and Van Buren Counties, together with a large portion of Lee, Henry, Jefferson, and Wapello. It is comprised of twenty-seven pastoral charges, with eighty-three preaching places, seventy-seven Sunday-schools, and forty-four Chapters of the Epworth League.

We found the district well-manned and in healthful condition. The pastors were early at their fields of labor, and were well received by the people, with only one exception. The Quarterly Conference of one circuit unanimously refused to receive its pastor. He quit the work, but immediately found employment in Missouri Conference, at Shelby, where he did very satisfactory and efficient labor. We employed Rev. C. M. Dake, a local preacher, to "supply" the charge thus made vacant. He has served the people well, and done as good work as any one could do under the circumstances.

In November, C. W. Shepherd, appointed to Keosauqua Circuit, was

elected to the office of Treasurer of Van Buren County, and gave up his work, and we employed Rev. J. B. Eyestone, of Mt. Pleasant, as "supply" for the remainder of the year. Brother Shepherd entered upon the duties of his office in January, and continued at his new work until about the middle of May, when he was taken violently ill of "Bright's disease," which had troubled him much for several years. He died May 31, 1898, and was buried at Keosauqua. Another one of our brethren also died during the year, Father Allender, at Bloomfield, April 19, 1898. Appropriate memoirs of these highly-esteemed brethren will doubtless appear in the published Minutes of the Conference.

While it has not been a year of general revival influence, yet almost every charge reports some good results. The brethren at all points have labored faithfully for the conversion of souls. A close canvass gives fully seven hundred accessions by conversion. The following charges have the largest share in these visible results; namely, Cantril, Bentonsport; First Church, Keokuk; Keosauqua Circuit, Milton, Mystic, Selma, and Troy.

We are happy, also, to notice a spirit of revival in building new churches and remodeling old ones prevailing quite generally throughout the district. The church at Lebanon, begun last year, was completed soon after Conference, and was dedicated by Rev. J. W. Potter, of Milton, free of debt. The beautiful new church at Bonaparte, A. E. Thornley pastor, dedicated by Dr. Stafford, has its indebtedness all provided for. And the new church at Milton, Rev. J. W. Potter pastor, just completed, was dedicated September 18th, by Dr. C. H. Stocking, of St. Louis. This church cost about \$7,000. Every bill, as presented, was discounted for cash, with no indebtedness to be provided for at dedication. They have also sold their parsonage property, and bought another near by the new church, gaining much in the exchange. Elm Grove, Drakeville Charge, R. Weese pastor, has a new church well under way. Keosauqua, C. L. Tennant pastor, is preparing to build in the near future.

Batavia, H. F. Gilbert pastor, has sold the old church and parsonage property, and reinvested in the Alexander property. This gives them a much better parsonage, and a very desirable site for a new church, which they are almost ready to commence building, with money enough subscribed to pay as they go.

Centerville, I. O. Kemble pastor, has expended nearly one thousand dollars in remodeling, repairing, and frescoing the church. The church at Selma, B. F. Shane pastor, has also been reconstructed and rededicated free of debt. At Farmington, G. W. Barber pastor, the old debts are paid off, and the church and parsonage property put in good repair. Wesley Chapel, on Cincinnati Circuit, G. W. Pool pastor, has been repaired and renovated.

The parsonage at Montrose has been made comfortable by fifty dollars worth of cash improvements, and about two hundred dollars have been expended on the parsonage at Bloomfield.

At Eldon, T. F. Barker pastor, a parsonage has been purchased. This property is all paid for except two hundred dollars, which will be promptly paid when due.

A good year's work has been done at Keokuk. At First Church, R. L. Patterson pastor, the old indebtedness is almost paid up. And the Chatham Square people, in response to the very earnest effort of Pastor P. J. Henness, have paid off all their old indebtedness.

The benevolent collections have received in good measure the attention required. Apportionments were made to the charges early in the year, and the pastors have been frequently reminded of their importance. Every proper effort was made to secure in full the regular missionary apportionment, regardless of the amounts pledged in payment of the debt. The Secretaries apportioned four hundred and thirty-five dollars to Keokuk District as our share of the debt of the Missionary Society. Early in March we reported the full amount pledged. Since then sixteen dollars additional have been secured. Every charge in the district is represented in these pledges. Chatham Square pledges the largest, and Exline Circuit the smallest of these amounts, aggregating the total of \$451.

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One session of the District Epworth League was held at Chatham Square, and was very helpful to the many in attendance.

Two sessions of the District Conference were held; one at Moulton in November, the other at Bonaparte in August. These meetings were comparatively well-attended by ministers and laymen. Special attention was given to the Missionary, Educational, and Epworth League work of the Church and district.

Personally, the year past has been one of hard labor and sacrifice, but also of great blessing. To reach the appointments simply on the fourth round of quarterly-meetings required nineteen hundred and nine miles travel. During the year we have presided in ninety-seven Quarterly Conferences and eleven adjourned meetings, and have preached two hundred and fifty-four times. We have often realized, as never before, what it is to be in "the traveling connection."

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J. C. W. COXE, Presiding Elder.

I CLOSE my third year of service on the Muscatine District with a keen appreciation of the love of my brethren, and the favoring Providence which has enabled me to meet every engagement without interruption by a single day's illness. The preachers were all promptly at their work, with a single exception to be noted; have been faithful and diligent, and

will make due report of the harvest secured. Of some general matters it is fitting that I should give some detailed account.

Unusual activity has prevailed in church building and improvement. The First Church, Muscatine, and the church at North English, referred to in my report of last year as nearing completion, were duly dedicated in the early part of the Conference year. Our church at Musserville, on the Muscatine Circuit, burned in the early part of the year. A new and greatly improved edifice, worth \$4,000, has taken the place of the former structure, and was dedicated July 10th, with all bills provided for in advance of the service. On the 17th of July an elegant and convenient church was dedicated at North Liberty, on the Tiffin Circuit, and was freed from debt. August 14th we dedicated the church at Franklin, on the Amish Circuit, and on September 18th Dr. C. L. Stafford rendered efficient service in dedicating a new church at Pleasant Hill, on the same charge. At Tiffin the efficient pastor has the money raised, and is now engaged in renovating and greatly improving the church-building. A similar good work has been done at Lexington; and a new parsonage at that point, now nearing completion, will add much to the comfort and efficiency of the favored pastor. The church at Keota has been so thoroughly remodeled and modernized as to be scarcely recognizable. This will be ready for dedication some time in October. The net gain in the value of church property on the district will be nearly or quite \$17,000 for the year.

The revival influence has not been as extensive as in some years, though the spiritual tone of the Churches has been well maintained, and the edification of believers has been constantly held in view. From three charges no reports have been received; from the reports in hand I judge the accessions will be about five hundred. I note the dismissal by certificate of over three hundred; how many of these have gone beyond the bounds of the district we have no means of determining.

I had hoped to be able to state, at least approximately, the returns of benevolences; but the absence of reports from three charges, as above noted, leaves the aggregate so impaired that I refrain from any specific figures. The showing will be wholesome, but will not indicate any marked advance over last year. The contributions to the missionary debt were quite generous.

Our district camp-meeting was a season of spiritual profit to Christian people, and we trust that it may prove to have been a time of fruitful seed-sowing. The visible harvest, however, was scant, as it must needs be when this gleaner follows close upon twoscore or more of faithful reapers in a limited field. No generous Boaz scattered, that this humble Ruth might gather and have plenty. As a district gathering, the meeting has been recognized for years as a conspicuous failure; as a camp-meeting after the primitive fashion it has served well its generation, and should now seek some other channel of influence through which it may glorify God.

I last year referred to a promising opening for work among the Bohemians of Washington County, and expressed my hopeful confi-

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The Rev. John Bridges, who was appointed to the Millersburg Circuit, declined to go to his work. Upon being notified of this fact, I secured the Rev. L. A. Crull, a supernumerary member of the Oklahoma Conference, as a supply. He has proved to be the right man in the right place. Every interest of the charge has been carefully looked after; the finances are far in advance of any previous year in the history of the charge as at present constituted; while the spiritual uplift is marked and wide-reaching in its influence.

I close my report with sincere thanks for health, the love of the brethren, and the favor of God.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

W. G. WILSON, Presiding Elder.

DEAR BRETHREN,—I gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God to me during another year, enabling me to attend all my appointments, with two exceptions. I have held all my Quarterly Conferences but two, have attempted to preach 195 times, and have had some part in nearly all the quarterly-meeting services of the district.

The health of the pastors and their families, with two exceptions, has been fairly good. The wife of Brother Borts, pastor of Kellogg, directly after Conference was taken very ill with sciatic rheumatism, and suffered extremely for some months, but has now returned to her usual health.

Early in the spring, Rev. D. S. Dunlavy and wife, of Reasnor Circuit, were bereaved by the death of their little daughter, after a brief illness. God's blessing was especially manifested to them in the great kindness of his people.

Rev. Walter F. Mair, who at the time of our last Conference was making an heroic struggle for life, and was hopeful of success, was compelled to submit to the inevitable, and at his home in Pella, on the morning of December 30th, was not, for God had taken him. As his life in the ministry had been glorious, his last days were peace.

The salaries allowed the pastors were about the same as the preceding year, and will be more nearly paid; but a few pastors will be compelled to report deficiencies.

There has not been a large amount of church-building on the district this year. The church at Fairview, on the Lacey Circuit, Rev. W. A. Longnecker pastor, which was about completed at the last session of the Conference, was dedicated the second Sunday after Conference, all the money having been previously provided for. At the Wymore appoint-

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There are twenty-seven Epworth Leagues on the district with 1,500 members, and seventeen Junior Leagues with 702 members. There are 276 *Epworth Heralds* taken, and 454 *Advocates* are taken, about fifteen per cent in advance of last year.

There have been two profitable sessions of the District Conference held, the first at Newton, October 25th to 27th, and the second at Beacon, August 8th to 10th.

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The brethren of the district have been, to a large degree, faithful in the interests of the benevolences, as I think their reports will show. In the early spring the district was divided into subdistricts, with the purpose that the pastors of each subdistrict should co-operate in the interests of the benevolences. This work was begun too late to get the best results; but so far as it was tried, the results were good.

A short time after the apportionment for the missionary debt was made to this district, the whole amount, \$390, was pledged by the pastors.

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OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

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We began the Conference year with good prospect of success. No charge was left to be supplied. The pastors, with reasonable promptness, were early at work. During the first half of the year there were no serious breaks by sickness or other cause in their pastoral labors, and a good degree of revival influence was enjoyed in most of the Churches. The laymen in most of the charges showed a commendable spirit of liberality in the allowances for ministerial support; and such charges have, for the

most part, kept the pledges of their official members. There are some appointments in some circuits which make a business of "keeping the pastor humble," and the charge also, by withholding a considerable sum each year, so that the charge is reported deficient and the pastor suffers embarrassment. I am glad that hereafter the names of these appointments are to appear in the Journal with their deficiencies, while all the others will appear according to their merits.

Although the first half of the year had no serious break on account of sickness or death in the pastoral ranks, the latter half has been less favored. Dr. F. E. Brush, of First Church, Ottumwa, on account of illness, had a lay-off of about two months, but returned able for duty. Brother Millice, of Cedar, was absent on vacation four or five weeks. The health of Brother J. W. Lewis, pastor of Main Street, Ottumwa, began failing early in the summer. The Quarterly Conference, seeing his need, gave him a vacation about the 1st of July, when he took a trip into Colorado; but instead of gaining he lost strength, and returned in about six weeks broken and sick, and took his bed, never to rise until his spirit was permitted to take his flight up to the God whom he loved and served.

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There have been some gracious results in conversions during the year, although our largest hopes were not realized. I think that war, and rumors of war, were in part, though not wholly, the cause of our disappointment. About six hundred and fifty (650) persons professed conversion, and a corresponding advance in spiritual life was made by the membership of the Church. About five hundred joined the Church on probation, and probably eighty per cent of these have been received into full membership. Advance in missions, about \$600.

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We recommend:

1. A more general and extensive use of the gratuitous helps furnished to pastors in taking their collections; namely, *Glad Tidings* and collection envelopes.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly-increasing population and new territorial additions, will continue to need Church Extension in the future as in the past, and that our Church, by fostering and strengthening this work, will increase its own power to do the larger work now thrown upon it.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee for our proper share in Church Extension, until everywhere, in communities now destitute, the people shall have opportunity to "enter His courts with praise."

J. W. POOL, Secretary.

D. F. STILES, Chairman.

CHURCH INSURANCE.

WE congratulate Iowa Methodism on the splendid showing made by the Iowa Methodist Mutual Insurance Company. The books of the Association show that in a little less than two years \$115,000 in first-class risks have been written, and many pastors and Churches are making inquiry with a view of taking out policies.

We urge the preachers of the Conference to call the attention of our Churches to this Association, and use their influence to build up the Iowa Methodist Mutual, which in a few years will doubtless be a means of much saving to our pastors and Churches.

J. C. W. COXE, Secretary.

J. C. KENDRICK, Chairman.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY.

THE work of the Iowa Children's Home Society in rescuing children from a homeless life and possible ignorance and crime, is so near to the hearts of all our people, we hereby give it recognition and our hearty commendation.

We urge upon the attention of our ministry and people the interests of this Society, and the necessity of hearty co-operation in its philanthropic work, that it may thereby more effectively carry out its purpose.

THOS. OSBORN,	M. BAMFORD,
W. H. HEPPE,	M. J. PUSEY.

DEACONESS BOARD.

THE recommendations are as follows:

1. That the license of Miss Sophia Hubert, deaconess, be renewed.
2. That the Conference authorize the Board to employ a deaconess to represent the deaconess work within the bounds of the Conference, and that her support be provided by collections taken in the Churches served.
3. That the balance of \$6.10 on hand be given to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Conference.

The following are recommended for members of the Board for the term of three years: P. J. Henness, W. S. Gardner, Mrs. Nellie Brush.

Deaconess Board: Class No. 1, Rev. R. L. Patterson, Rev. J. E. Newsome, Mrs. P. M. Musser; No. 20, Mrs. L. G. Murphy, I. B. Schreckengast, A. V. Kendrick; No. 3, P. J. Henness, W. S. Gardner, Mrs. Nellie Brush.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. L. G. MURPHY, Secretary.	R. L. PATTERSON, President.
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DEACONESS MOVEMENT.

WE note with deep gratitude this great movement as it increases in volume and power from year to year. We have noted with pleasure the work of Miss Kate Blackburn, of Detroit, Mich., and Miss Harriet Grimes, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who were employed by our Conference Board of Deaconesses. And we trust that the work may be organized in the large towns within the bounds of our Conference at an early date. We recognize in this movement a means of reaching the unchurched masses, by caring for the sick and destitute, furnishing a glorious, yet Scriptural, sphere in which our consecrated young womanhood may work for the Master.

Therefore we recommend that our preachers in the various charges direct attention to this great movement in our common Methodism.

R. BREEDEN, Secretary.	A. M. MAHAFFIE, President.
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DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

THE Committee on District Conference Records have examined the records submitted to them, and consider them correctly kept. The Ottumwa District Records were not submitted for inspection.

S. F. BISHOP, Chairman,
J. W. CARSON, Secretary,
Committee.

EDUCATION.

I.

YOUR Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

1. We declare our increasing loyalty to Christian education. We believe that the conditions of modern life more and more make it a necessary part of the equipment of young men and women. We are gratified at the degree of interest manifested in this work, and at the splendid facilities offered by our Church.

2. We again call your attention to the importance of the work of the Board of Education and of the Children's-day Fund. Thirteen of our young people received help last year, to the amount of \$744. We urge fidelity to the Children's-day, and condemn the practice of diverting part or all of this collection to other benevolences, expensive decorations, or programs, an injustice to the cause and manifest violation of the Discipline.

3. We recommend the appointment of P. J. Henness, I. O. Kemble, E. C. Brooks, W. H. Heppe, and I. B. Schreckengast a Committee on the "Iowa Conference Woman's Guild," to operate in the interest of the Iowa Wesleyan University; this Committee to consider the plan and report a Constitution and Articles of Incorporation at the next session of the Iowa Annual Conference.

4. *Resolved*, That we deem it unwise at this time to raise the issue as to consolidation of our educational institutions in this State, and deprecate any agitation of this question in our Church papers or Conference gatherings.

5. We direct the attention of the young people of our Conference to the strong teaching force, the splendid buildings, educational facilities, and delightful surroundings of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

6. We earnestly request the pastors of the Iowa Conference to manifest a renewed loyalty to the Iowa Wesleyan University, by endeavoring to persuade our young people to attend our own school, by raising, if possible, the Iowa Wesleyan University collection in full, and by co-operating with the financial agent in securing the proposed endowment.

7. We concur in the resolution of the Board of Trustees to raise in the next two years \$150,000, also in their action making the several Pre-

siding Elders and the College Treasurer responsible for a series of educational Conventions throughout the Conference.

8. We recommend the reappointment of T. J. Myers as Treasurer and Financial Agent of the university; the appointment of the following Trustees, whose terms shall expire in 1902: W. P. Stoddard, Carl Williams, George Haw, M. Bamford, P. J. Henness, and S. L. Collins. N. M. Harris, term to expire 1899, in place of C. F. Craver.

The following as Visitors to Iowa Wesleyan University, term expiring 1901: W. H. Heppe, E. C. Brooks, Mrs. L. G. Murphy.

Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute: F. E. Brush for one year, and J. A. Boatman for two years.

We recommend that hereafter Visitors be elected for two years to Garrett Biblical Institute, to comply with their request.

To deliver the Annual Educational Address at next Conference, W. P. Stoddard.

II.

1. On account of the importance of enabling the Treasurer to meet the expenses of the Iowa Wesleyan University as promptly as possible, with the Faculty who need their salaries promptly paid, we recommend that the apportionment to the Conference for the Iowa Wesleyan University this year be \$3,000, to be apportioned equally among the several Presiding Elder Districts, and that the collections for said claim be taken not later than during the month of November, as far as possible on the first Sabbath of the month, and the amounts be forwarded to the Treasurer, T. J. Myers, by the 1st of December, 1898.

2. We believe that the time has come when the Iowa Conference, in behalf of its own educational interests and institution, should give expression to its condemnation of the representatives of other Methodist colleges invading its territory for the purposes of soliciting either funds or students, and that its pastors should give emphatic expression to that condemnation when and wherever such instances occur.

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF VISITING COMMITTEE TO GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

TO THE IOWA CONFERENCE:

As your official representative at Garrett Biblical Institute during the Commencement week of 1898, I wish to report that I found the institution in prosperous condition, and doing exceptionally good work. The examinations evidenced thorough, enterprising, and fruitful labor on the part of students and Faculty. There appears to be an earnest and aggressive Christian spirit among the students, which augurs well for their future work as Methodist preachers. Your Committee is satisfied that Garrett Biblical Institute is the peer of any theological school in Methodism in the ability and consecration of its professors, in the varied facilities it affords for critical and exhaustive study, in the wide field it offers for spiritual clinics in city mission work, and that it is unsurpassed in power

to train theological thinkers, to prepare practical pastors, and to equip successful preachers. Your Committee is also profoundly convinced that the young men of the Iowa Conference, who are seeking equipment for highest ministerial effectiveness, should be encouraged to attend this "school of the prophets," which is their natural and nearest training-ground, rather than pass it by for remoter and not superior institutions.

Respectfully submitted.

F. E. BRUSH, Committee.

REPORT OF VISITORS TO IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

THE outlook for our college has never been more promising, in many respects, than at present. The Faculty is made up of strong, energetic, enthusiastic, and competent instructors. They are entering upon their work with an interest that promises the largest good for the students, who are already very free in their commendations of their instructors.

We believe that this year there will be hard work, strong work, and thorough work, such as will be a fine advertisement for coming years.

Equipped for this work with its substantial, modern, and convenient buildings and apparatus, in every respect praiseworthy as far as complete, with its corps of well-prepared instructors, and with the encouragement of a growing constituency, the college is prepared for a record unknown in all its history.

We recommend:

1. That our Board of Trustees aim in every way to abate the present exigency in the lack of financial support to meet emergencies, and to avoid the mistakes of the past by which our college has been crippled.

2. That this Conference instruct the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee to make all appropriations for each year on the basis of assets from the year preceding.

3. That this Conference elect no man as Trustee who is not enterprising, up-to-date, and intensely interested in the work of the college.

4. That, in harmony with the Constitution, where Trustees have not attended the Annual Board Meeting for two consecutive years, their places be now declared vacant, and filled at this session of the Conference.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE.

RECOGNIZING the Providential existence of the Epworth League of our Church, and conscious of the fact that it is only yet in the formative stage of its work, we bespeak for it the prayers and co-operation of the whole Church, that its plans and work may be inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit. It has been an efficient helper to every pastor, and very useful in the whole Church work. We congratulate the Leagues of our Conference upon their splendid District Conventions and efficient missionary campaign.

As important factors in its development and operation, we call special attention to the following: The *Epworth Herald*, which has no equal in its sphere, and should be in every family of young people; the District Convention, the only Convention that reaches the masses, and the State Convention, which gives inspiration and unity to the general work; the Epworth Assembly at Colfax, as affording an excellent and conveniently-located training-school and helpful summer recreation; and the excellent Reading Course, libraries, and other literary work provided by the General Cabinet.

W. A. LONGNECKER, Chairman.

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FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

YOUR Committee can not speak too highly of the good work for which the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society is pledged. The Society stands as a factor in our Republic for the higher reconstruction of the South; specifically for the Negro and the poor white people below Mason's and Dixon's line; in giving to them the qualifications for a better citizenship and a nobler manhood; and to bring to them the larger life in education, true culture, and humble yet holy service for Christ.

Therefore, we earnestly recommend that the Iowa Conference do its utmost in raising the full apportionment of \$2,600 asked for by the Secretaries.

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and enabled him to carry sunshine into the evening of his eventful life. We have known few men in whom we had such implicit confidence, and for whom we had a higher esteem. By his godly life he has profoundly impressed this whole community. A number of the ministers who are now prominent in the Iowa Conference were brought to Christ through his ministry. His death, which occurred April 19, 1898, was sudden, and his suffering exceeding brief. His funeral service was conducted in the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, and was, as might have been expected, largely attended. Brief addresses were made by J. T. Simmons, Charles S. Cooper, W. G. Thorn, and the writer. He was laid to rest in the Oddfellows' Cemetery by the side of his beloved wife, who preceded him to the heavenly land fifteen years.

T. B. HUGHES.

REV. JAMES T. COLEMAN.

REV. JAMES T. COLEMAN was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 8, 1817, and died at Burlington, Iowa, January 29, 1898, aged eighty years, four months, and twenty-one days.

When about eight years of age he removed with his parents to Fulton County, Illinois. At this time that part of Illinois was the extreme frontier, and they were obliged to endure the privations and hardships incident to frontier life of that day. When sixteen years of age he was converted at a camp-meeting held near his home, and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. When he was twenty years of age he came to Iowa with an older brother, and settled in Jefferson County, near the present town of Fairfield. Shortly afterwards they moved farther West, and settled in Wapello County. Here he found a small Methodist class consisting of six members, two of whom were probationers. Here he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, was soon appointed leader of this class, and given license to exhort. He made use of his license in holding revival-meetings, in which many were converted. In the fall of 1846 he was licensed to preach, and in the fall of 1847 was admitted on trial in the Iowa Conference. At this early date the territory of the Iowa Conference embraced all of the present State of Iowa and portions of Kansas and Nebraska. He was married to Ann C. Power, April 12, 1849, who still survives him. He was ordained deacon by Bishop E. S. Janes at the Conference held at Fort Madison, August, 1849, and elder by Bishop Beverly Waugh at the Conference held in Davenport, in August, 1851. For thirty-three years he was in the active itinerancy.

The following is the list of his appointments: 1847, Farmington; 1848, Yellow Springs; 1849-50, Cascade; 1851, Colesburg; 1852, Grandview; 1853-54, Tipton; 1855-56, Marion; 1857-58, Presiding Elder of Cedar Falls District; 1859, Mount Vernon; 1860, Tipton; 1861, Comanche; 1862, Pleasant Valley; 1863, Le Claire; 1864, Blue Grass; 1865, Wilton; 1866, West Liberty; 1867, Webster; 1868, Montrose; 1869-70, Birmingham; 1871, Batavia; 1872, Richland; 1873, Salem; 1874, Martinsburg; 1875-76, Brighton; 1877, Salina; 1878, Brighton; 1879-80, Hillsboro. Since his retirement from the ranks of the active itinerancy seventeen years before his death, he did considerable supply work in the ministry, assisting his

brethren and preaching for Churches of other denominations. The revival spirit was always manifest in the charges that he served, in several of which remarkable and sweeping revivals occurred, with hundreds of conversions. At Cascade, in 1850, a great revival occurred, in which 125 were converted; at Grandview, in 1852, over 100 were converted; at Asbury Chapel, on the Blue Grass Circuit, in 1864, 75 united with the Church as the result of another protracted effort. Large revivals, that resulted in many conversions, also occurred under his ministry while pastor at Mount Vernon, Marion, and Birmingham. As already noted, he was for two years Presiding Elder of the Cedar Falls District. This was a work which he loved, but so great were the exposure and hardship of traveling so large a district in that early day, with no railroads and with poor wagon-roads and few bridges, that he was obliged to ask the Bishop to relieve him from the work of the eldership after he had served the two years. These two years of district work, however, were blessed years in spiritual results. Revival fires seemed to be burning almost constantly, and over 1,200 were converted within the boundaries of the district during these two years of service as Presiding Elder. Our deceased brother had made a careful study of the New Testament upon the subject of Christian baptism. In that day attacks were frequently made by the ministers of other denominations upon the doctrines and polity of our Church, and in him was found a clear and forcible defender of the doctrines of Methodism. He had several carefully-studied sermons upon the subject of Christian baptism, which he gave at different places at which the doctrines of our Church had been assailed, and always to the enlightenment and edification of those who heard him. He had two public debates with ministers of the Disciples' denomination—at Richland in 1872, and at Brighton in 1875—in which the polity and doctrines of our Church were clearly set forth and defended.

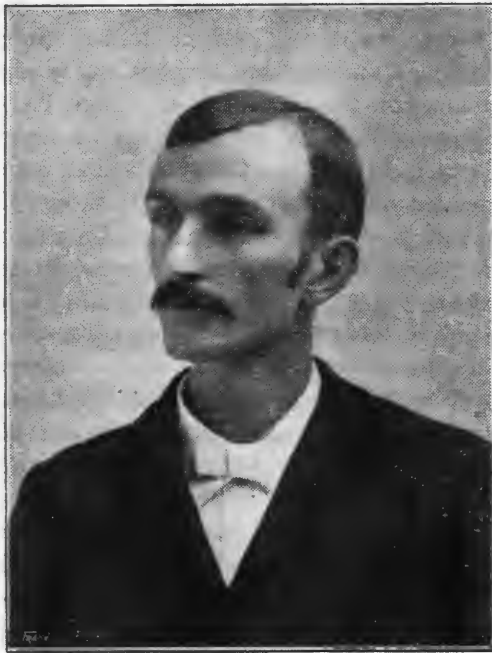
In seeking to set forth the strongest and most prominent traits of character in this beloved brother minister of the gospel, there should be mentioned his implicit faith in God. The Heavenly Father was his nearest and best Friend. In his prayers he talked to God just as if he were a Being right close at hand. This implicit faith made him strong at all times, prepared always to take life's burdens and trials, its disappointments and bereavements, as belonging to the all things that "work together for good to them that love God."

He was thoroughly familiar with the Bible, not only with its general trend throughout, but with the special chapters and passages that could be used not only in defending the "faith once delivered to the saints," but also with those portions most effective in destroying the works of the devil. He was an enthusiastic believer in the distinctive doctrines of Methodism, justification by faith, regeneration, and the witness of the Spirit. When he himself sought and found the "pearl of great price," he knew that he had followed no cunningly-devised fable. He had had such a clear experience in these precious truths of the gospel that he was able to make the way very clear to others, as he did in the case of hundreds whom he brought to Christ during his ministry. His last illness was brief. January 9th, three weeks before his death, he attended quarterly-meeting services in First Church, Burlington, and assisted in the admin-

istration of the Lord's Supper. The following Sabbath, January 16th, he was again in his accustomed place in the Lord's house at the morning service. A severe fall, resulting in concussion of the brain, followed by hours of pain, restlessness, and partial loss of memory and recognition, and "the weary wheels of life stood still." The funeral services were held at Fort Madison, Iowa, January 31, 1898, at the residence of George Smith, son-in-law to the deceased. They were conducted by Rev. R. F. Hurlburt, pastor First Church, Burlington, who was assisted by Rev. J. M. Coates, pastor Santa Fe Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Fort Madison, Iowa.

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REV. J. W. LEWIS died at his home in Ottumwa, Iowa, of typhoid fever, September 4, 1898, aged forty-three years, seven months, and twenty-four days. He was born



in Mercer County, Pa., from which his parents removed while he was an infant, to Washington, Iowa. At this place his father died when the son was about thirteen years old, and John then undertook the care of his mother and one sister. During the years of struggle that followed he found time to attend public schools at Washington, Iowa, and four years at Iowa Wesleyan University. He was converted at the age of twenty, and became an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from the day of his conversion. Feeling called to the ministry, he sought a place in the Iowa Annual Conference, and was admitted in 1882. He was ordained deacon in 1884, and elder in 1886. Before his admission to the Conference, he supplied for two years Columbus Junction and Coneville. After admission to the Conference, he was pastor at Sperry Charge, two years; Morning Sun, three years; What Cheer, four years; Newton, two years; Marengo, three years; and Main Street, Ottumwa, three years.

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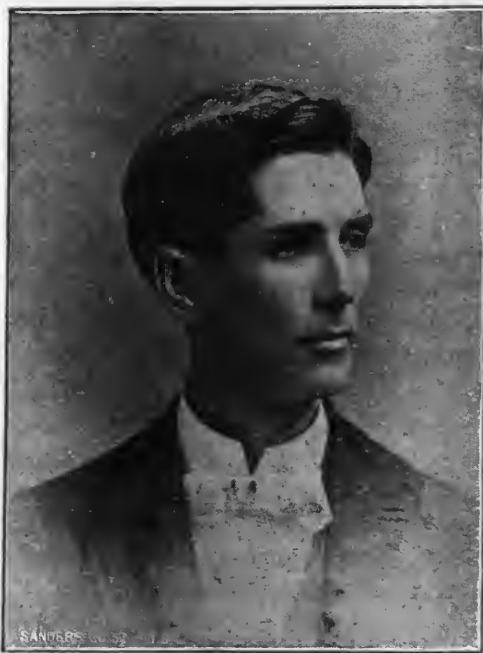
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The funeral services were held in Main Street Church, September 7th, and were conducted by his Presiding Elder, assisted by Rev. M. Bamford, Rev. J. A. Boatman, and others. There were present, besides the city ministers of various denominations, about forty members of the Iowa Annual Conference. There were also present a large number of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and Knights of Pythias, of which orders the deceased was a member, and State Chaplain for two years. His interment was in the Ottumwa Cemetery, and the closing ceremony at the grave was conducted by the local Lodge of Independent Order of Oddfellows in ritual form. We mourn a "brother beloved," and look to the Lord to comfort and close up our ranks.

D. C. SMITH.

REV. WALTER F. MAIR.

REV. WALTER F. MAIR, son of Alexander and Jean Finley Mair, was born, December 17, 1861, in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was



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trained in the gospel by his godly parents, and was converted at the age of sixteen. Shortly afterwards he felt the call to preach, and mentioned the matter to Rev. G. F. Wilding, then pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Parkersburg. After passing through the public schools, he spent three years in the Ohio Wesleyan University. He received some training also in business, and, having received license to preach, came West, and supplied Pella Charge for six months. He then went to Garrett Biblical Institute, to further prepare for his work; but after a short time was compelled, on account of catarrhal trouble, to go to California for relief. When his health was somewhat improved, he returned to Iowa, and was

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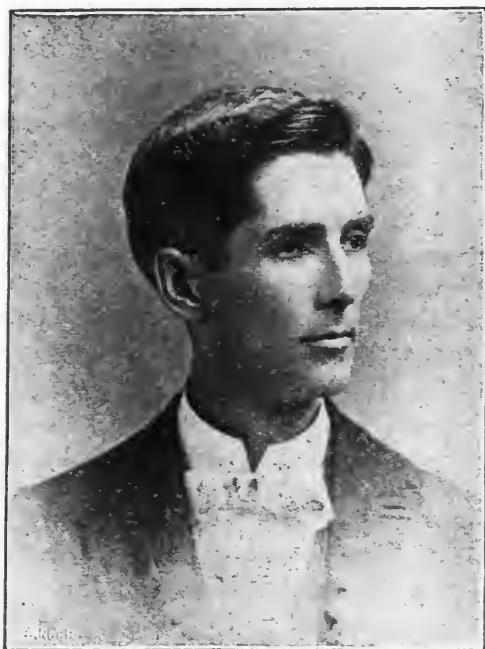
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The funeral services were held in Main Street Church, September 7th, and were conducted by his Presiding Elder, assisted by Rev. M. Bamford, Rev. J. A. Boatman, and others. There were present, besides the city ministers of various denominations, about forty members of the Iowa Annual Conference. There were also present a large number of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and Knights of Pythias, of which orders the deceased was a member, and State Chaplain for two years. His interment was in the Ottumwa Cemetery, and the closing ceremony at the grave was conducted by the local Lodge of Independent Order of Oddfellows in ritual form. We mourn a "brother beloved," and look to the Lord to comfort and close up our ranks.

D. C. SMITH.

REV. WALTER F. MAIR.

REV. WALTER F. MAIR, son of Alexander and Jean Finley Mair, was born, December 17, 1861, in Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was



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trained in the gospel by his godly parents, and was converted at the age of sixteen. Shortly afterwards he felt the call to preach, and mentioned the matter to Rev. G. F. Wilding, then pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Parkersburg. After passing through the public schools, he spent three years in the Ohio Wesleyan University. He received some training also in business, and, having received license to preach, came West, and supplied Pella Charge for six months. He then went to Garrett Biblical Institute, to further prepare for his work; but after a short time was compelled, on account of catarrhal trouble, to go to California for relief. When his health was somewhat improved, he returned to Iowa, and was

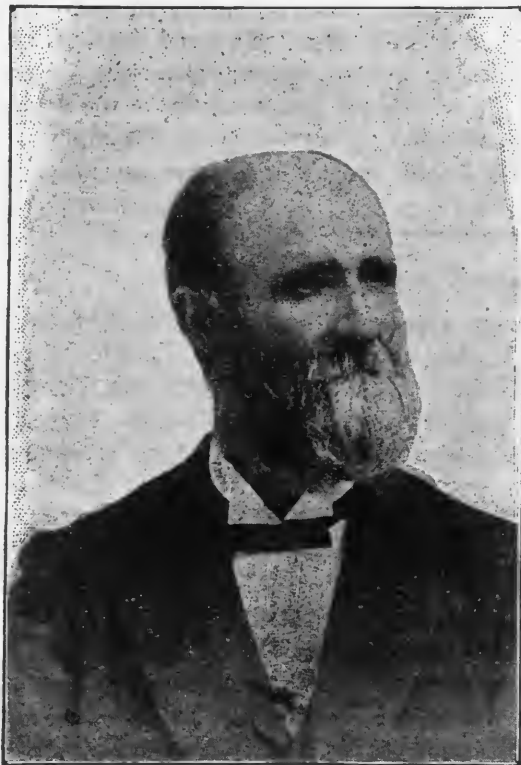
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after he served at West Burlington, Mediapolis, Bloomfield, and Knoxville. He was received into full connection, and ordained deacon in September, 1889, and was ordained elder in 1891. In August, 1888, he was united in marriage with Miss May Edmond, of Pella, Iowa, who proved a faithful and helpful companion in his ministerial labors.

In all his charges he did successful work. The years of his pastorate in Knoxville were very fruitful. During the winter of 1895 he conducted a series of meetings, with the aid of his own people, which resulted in a very large ingathering to the Church. This was immediately followed by the erection of a large, commodious, and beautiful church-building, which was dedicated in April, 1896. At the close of that Conference session, held in that church, he was constrained, by failing health, to ask for a supernumerary relation, that he might take rest, and, as he and his friends hoped, recuperate and return to the work he loved. But in this all were disappointed. Bronchitis was followed by pulmonary disease, and all efforts failed to arrest the destroyer. He returned to his family in Pella, but after a few weeks' mingled hope and fear as to his condition he fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of December 30, 1897. Brother Mair was a man of deep convictions, earnest piety, and loyalty to the truth he believed and preached. We judge that he truly may be characterized like Barnabas, "for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." He never indulged in coarse, vulgar jests, but breathed in conversation an atmosphere of sincerity and purity. The Conference and Church suffer a loss in the death of this noble and gifted young man, but the saints above have another to their number. He leaves a wife and three sons, Walter, Donald, and Edmond. They reside in a neat and comfortable cottage home near Mrs. Mair's father in Pella, which home Brother Mair, in his loving care, provided for them before leaving to seek health in Arizona and elsewhere. The funeral services were held in our Church on January 1, 1898, and were conducted by the writer, assisted by Revs. M. Bamford, J. W. Lambert, P. J. Henness, and C. H. Westfall of the Iowa Conference. A large gathering of friends were in attendance. The mortal body was laid to rest in the Pella Cemetery, and we turned away to repeat, "Death loves a shining mark;" but "Death wounds to cure; we fall, we rise, we reign." D. C. SMITH.

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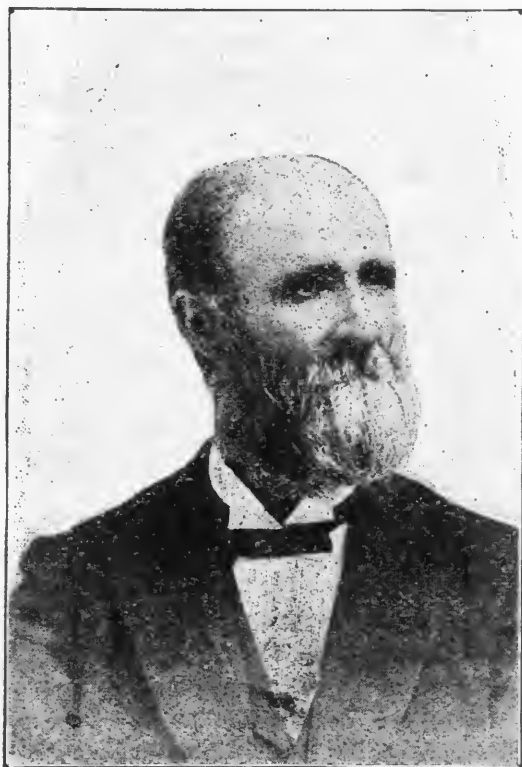
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He was elected last fall treasurer of this county on the Democratic ticket, and although the Republican party has a majority of about four hundred, Brother Shepherd was elected over the Republican nominee by a majority of 123 votes. He was a capable officer. When elected, he resigned the pastorate of Keosauqua Circuit. As a preacher he was clear and instructive, and as a pastor faithful in looking after every department of the work. He was a pure, true, and godly man. He lived the faith he professed, and died as he had lived. His funeral was held from the Opera House in this place on June 3d. A number of the members of the Iowa Conference were present, and participated in the services, Dr. Stafford, T. B. Hughes, T. J. Myers, G. M. Tuttle, and C. S. Cooper speaking in his memory.

C. L. TENNANT.

MRS. CATHARINE A. BLAKENEY.

MRS. CATHARINE A. BLAKENEY, widow of the late Rev. J. B. Blakeney, of the Iowa Conference, died at her home in Denver, Colorado, April 16, 1898. Funeral services were held in the home on April 17th, by the Rev. Dr. Connor, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Denver. The body was then conveyed to Oskaloosa, Iowa, where, at the residence of Henry Stafford, Esq., further services were held, under the direction of the Rev. M. Bamford and the Rev. E. H. Waring. The interment was made the same day, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends, in Forest Cemetery, Oskaloosa.

Mrs. Blakeney, whose maiden name was Garrettson, was born in Claysville, Pa., in 1829. She was reared in a pious and refined family, and came to womanhood with unusual graces of character and personal accomplishments. She was married to Mr. Blakeney, then of the West Virginia Conference, in 1857, and entered with tact, enthusiasm, and devotion upon the work of a busy pastor's wife. On Mr. Blakeney's transfer, in 1870, to the Iowa Conference, she came with her husband and family to Muscatine. Thence onward for twenty years in various Iowa cities she lived and labored with all fidelity as a pastor's wife, as a devoted mother, and as a servant of Jesus Christ.

Six children were given to this union, three of whom preceded their mother to the better land. Two sons and the only daughter remain, in good hope of the world to come. Mr. Blakeney died in 1890 at Oskaloosa, Iowa, and was there buried. At later intervals two beloved sons were laid beside him, and then the wife and mother, to repose with kindred dust. Mrs. Blakeney's friends are a multitude East and West. She merged her rare gifts of mind and graces of heart in the saintly life of her husband, in his eminent success as a minister of the gospel. She devoted her culture and her social qualities to the service and training of her children, and to the help of all whom she could touch by her gracious influence. With quiet faithfulness she wrought in the family, the Church, and in the hearts of the host who knew and loved her. Her children rise up to call her blessed, multitudes hold her memory precious, and her record is on high. Her closing hours were without fear, and she went tranquilly down to death, "counting Him faithful who had promised."

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

BELIEVING the Sabbath to be a Divine institution, we recognize our obligation to our Heavenly Father for the good it has brought to us as a Christian people, and feel ourselves bound by his commandment to remember the day, to keep it holy. The fact that this sacred day is desecrated by so large a number, and in so many different ways in our land, should cause God's people to watch, lest they be overcome by the spirit of the age. We believe the Sunday newspaper, visiting for pleasure, traveling on railroad trains, the opening of State or other fairs, selling of and buying goods, the taking of gate fees at camp-meetings, and such like, is a violation of the fourth commandment, and should be discouraged by God's people. We strongly and earnestly advise all Christians to encourage every movement that tends to the promotion of Sabbath observance; for God hath said, "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

COMMITTEE.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

YOUR Committee on the State of the Church would report: That the business, financial, and benevolent interests of the Church were never better cared for than at present, as is indicated by the general improvement and enlargement of church property, the liquidation of debts, and the increased contributions to the several benevolent causes of the Church.

That the Church in general is very properly requiring of candidates for the Christian ministry, that they be men of spotless character and finished education, sound in doctrine and experience.

That there is a strong current in the direction of evangelical piety, the experience and practices of the early Christian Church. But we fear that the care for the business interests of the Church is likely to eclipse regard for the spiritual, and there is need for constant watchfulness and prayer lest we yield to the temptation.

It would be highly conducive to the welfare of the Church were the Christian ministry dissuaded from voluntary or Church-imposed entanglements in worldly affairs, and persuaded to devote their entire time and energy to the work to which God has called them.

There is too much of a disposition to put a commercial rating on preachers, and to make them mere financial agents, collectors, and men of all work in a business sense.

We do not regard the apparent checking of our numerical increase with apprehension, but we rejoice that it has occasioned serious reflection and an attempt to locate responsibility for the situation.

New opportunities and new responsibilities have come to the Protestant world in the course of the Spanish-American War, and we should be false to our trust did we fail cheerfully and fully to meet the demands of the case in the several new lands open to the gospel of Christ.

JOHN HANKS, Secretary.

J. A. BOATMAN, Chairman.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

YOUR Committee on the State of the Country would offer the following report:

We recognize the fact that as a country we are rapidly making history. We have just passed through an epoch of the greatest importance, and at the present time questions of the most vital consideration are before us for adjustment. We have cause for profound gratitude to the All-wise Ruler, in whose hands are the destinies of nations, for the unparalleled victories that have crowned the efforts of our navy. While, as the followers of Christ, we deprecate war with all its dread associations, we are profoundly grateful that when war was thrust upon us in the interests of suffering humanity and of national honor, it was so successfully prosecuted with so few losses of lives in battle. The God of battles has been with us, and the cause of humanity has been elevated to a higher standard in the hands of our country. Providence has given to us in this time of need a leader in the person of William McKinley, who is eminently fitted for his responsible position. We believe that our country has entered upon a new era of its existence, and its mission among the nations of the world has, by a wise Divine Providence, been led into broader fields of usefulness, and to become a greater blessing to humanity.

We believe there is wisdom enough in our advisers to properly adjust the most difficult problems that are before them, and we pledge the support of our prayers for them in their difficult tasks. To the Church there has suddenly come a wide open door for greatly-needed missionary work in our newly-acquired territory, and we urgently recommend our Missionary Board, when aided by the contributions of the Church, to push forward as rapidly as possible the missionary work on those islands.

The greatly-increased financial prosperity of our country is another cause for gratitude, and another source of encouragement for increased efforts of our Zion.

We rejoice with the temperance-loving people of Canada over the recent and glorious victory of the cause in her territory, and hope the day may soon come when our country will emulate her example. We believe the cause of humanity is reaching a greater altitude in the world's government than ever known before, and our own beloved country is not the least factor in these great achievements. We rejoice over these achievements, and pledge ourselves to greater efforts for still higher ideals.

Believing that we owe to these people, who have long lived under the darkness of mediæval civilization, a better, a higher, and a Christian civil-

ization and protection from the tyranny of their old masters, and that the Stars and Stripes should never cease to float over lands that have cost the blood of the noble sons of the free America, until civil and religious liberty are guaranteed. We pledge our continued efforts for the realization of these ideals.

I. P. TETER, Chairman.

W. G. THORN, Secretary.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

RECOGNIZING the vast importance of the religious education of our youth committed to the Sunday-schools, we urge our pastors and superintendents to select teachers who are earnest in their spiritual experience, intelligent in mind, apt to teach, and godly in life.

We recommend:

1. The use of the lesson helps and literature prepared and published by our Book Concern.

2. The work done by our Sunday-school Union in aiding 3,600 schools in our Church in the past year.

3. That the apportionment of \$1,551 asked from our Conference the coming year be approved by the Conference, and referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the several charges.

4. A liberal support be given the Sunday-school Union by all our Sunday-schools.

W. S. MOORE,

A. S. LOVEALL.

TRACT SOCIETY.

WE recommend the value of the tract as an evangelizing instrumentality—

1. Because of its inexpensiveness.

2. Its adaptation to almost every variety of need.

3. Its convenience and ease of circulation.

4. Its brevity.

We call attention to the fact that our Tract Society commands a vast assortment of tract literature; that each charge is at liberty to send for tracts in any year to the amount of one-half its collection; that the Tract Society gives from \$6,000 to \$7,000 each year in the aid of mission presses and circulation of books and periodicals in foreign languages.

We recommend the approval of the apportionment of \$535 by the Conference, and recommend it be referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the various charges.

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TOBACCO.

YOUR Committee on Tobacco desire to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The use of tobacco has been accepted as injurious to the human race in every form, and the Church, through its law-making body, has placed its condemnation on its use by its ministry; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That, as ministers of this Conference, we will "obey the

rules respecting this," that our influence may be stronger among the people by being "clean" preachers.

Resolved, 2. That we reaffirm the resolution of the last session, when it was "*Resolved, That those among us who excuse themselves by saying that no such requirement was made when they were admitted to the Conference, be now 'requested to abandon this habit so unnecessary, unclean, and unchristian.'*"

Resolved, 3. That we will endeavor, as far as possible, to secure the election and appointment of persons to the positions of Sunday-school superintendents, presidents of Epworth Leagues, or class-leaders, who do not use tobacco.

H. C. MILLICE, Secretary.
W. N. GROOME,
W. H. JONES,

R. WEESE, Chairman.
J. H. TAYLOR.

TEMPERANCE.

YOUR Committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

It is the firm belief of your Committee, notwithstanding the local defeats which the cause has suffered in Iowa of late through the enactment of the Mulct Law and the Manufacturers' Bill, that in the broader national view that is to be taken of the question there is a decided advance.

We rejoice in the laws that make compulsory in many States the careful instruction of the children in our public schools as to the physical and moral evils that result from the use of intoxicants and narcotics.

We indorse the oft-repeated public utterance of John B. Gough: "Thoroughly educate all the children of the land upon the evils of the drinking system, and the temperance problem would be solved in a single generation."

We recognize the great gains that have been made for the temperance cause in the business world. All the great railroad companies and all the great corporations throughout the country are fast coming to the point where they are insisting that all their employees shall let intoxicants alone. This cold, unadorned business fact, that is settling down into the minds of men everywhere, that no man can hold any important business position to-day who muddles his brain with drink, is telling tremendously for temperance in the business world. Notwithstanding the local defeats which the cause has suffered, we may see in the ringing temperance resolutions that are passed with a shout every year at our great National Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Conventions, in the general quickening and awakening of the Christian conscience everywhere increasingly manifest as to the evils of the drink system, and the steady growth of an aggressive public sentiment, that is seen in the triumph that has just been gained in Canada for the cause of Constitutional prohibition,—we may see in all this the promise of final victory. While we are cheered by these many outward manifestations, which show the certain

trend of Christian thought upon this great question, we feel that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty;" that this is the time above all others for the redoubling of diligence in the work, and for striking the strongest and most telling blows. We remember in recent history the Louisiana Lottery had become so firmly intrenched in the body politic, that it was publicly declared in Congress and in many of our leading newspapers from Maine to California that it was beyond the power of the Government to overthrow it. But when the Christian sentiment of this country was thoroughly aroused, the Louisiana Lottery was sent into perpetual banishment. We are sure that a similar thorough awakening will have a like result in the downfall of the saloon. We believe that the time is now ripe for the union of all Christian forces, irrespective of creed or party, for the banishment of the saloon. The power of the liquor interests to-day is to be found in the fact that they present a united front. It has well been said, "A divided attack never *can* and never *will* overcome united defense." Let the temperance forces be equally united, and the downfall and overthrow of the saloon are certain.

We are convinced that it is our duty, both by precept and example, to work and vote the way we pray.

We believe that at the primaries, as well as at the polls, we should cast our ballots only for those candidates who are opposed to the saloon.

We most cordially indorse the Iowa Anti-saloon League as an omni-partisan and non-sectarian organization. We urge co-operation with its officers in the formation of Anti-saloon Leagues throughout the Conference, to the end that a greater quickening of temperance sentiment may be created, that existing prohibition laws may be thoroughly enforced, that improper legislation may be averted, and that the best possible enactments may be secured from the State Legislature.

We especially commend that part of the work of the Anti-saloon League which looks to the enforcement of the laws that we now have; for in many localities the rigid enforcement of existing laws would close many joints, holes in the wall, and drugstores, that are now selling liquor in defiance of law.

We would recommend the appointment of two delegates, with two alternates, to attend the next National Anti-saloon Convention, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, December 6, 7, and 8, 1898.

JOHN W. POTTER,

THOMAS OSBORN,

JOHN F. BARNETT,

R. F. HURLBURT,

MORRIS BAMFORD,

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

THE following Resolutions of Thanks were presented, and adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to Mayor Wilson and the City Council of Montezuma for granting the use of the Opera House free of charge for our evening and Sabbath services; also to the city marshal, Mr. C. Johnson, for the care of the same.

Resolved, 2. That we acknowledge with thanks the many courtesies

extended us by the pastors, Rev. W. L. Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. G. J. Ellis, pastor of the Disciples' Church, of this city, together with their Church officers, in granting us the use of their church buildings, and many other ways in which they have evidenced their Christian sympathy and brotherly kindness.

Resolved, 3. That we appreciate, and are grateful for, the favors granted us by the managers of the Iowa Central, and the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroads. We wish to make special mention of the train men and also the agents at this place, in recognition of their courtesy and the pains they have taken to assist in carrying forward the work of the Conference.

Resolved, 4. That we acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the able and kindly manner in which Bishop Vincent has presided over our deliberations. We have heard with delight and profit his readings on Paul's Letter to Timothy; his manifest interest in the Conference and the people of this community, evidenced among other ways by giving, during our session, his justly celebrated and highly instructive lecture on "Tom and His Teachers." We will always hail with delight his coming among us, and pray the Great Head of the Church to spare him long in health and strength to the Church.

Resolved, 5. That we express, by rising vote, our appreciation of the royal entertainment furnished us by the pastor of this Church, E. C. Brooks, and his people, along with all others who have opened to us their homes, and given us such hearty welcome during our stay among them, as the result of which we shall carry away with us a very high appreciation of the hospitality of the people of this city.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 1. *What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER. Of the effective preachers, nothing; of superannuates and widows, \$7,000.

QUESTION 2. *What Sums have been Received on these Claims, and how have they been Distributed?*

ANSWER 1. Received from collections, \$2,017; from Chartered Fund, \$22; from the Book Concern, \$850; from Conference Fund, \$44.80; special bequest, \$2; Contingent Fund, \$13; total, \$2,948.80.

ANSWER 2. Distributed as follows:

TO SUPERANNUATES.		
NAMES.	AMOUNT.	BY WHOM TAKEN.
J. B. Hill,	\$150	Self.
Jesse Craig,	150	Schreiner.
J. B. Hardy,	175	Self.
M. See,	150	Pusey,
N. Wells,	150	Stoddard.
J. G. Thompson,	150	Pike.
S. H. Thomas,	150	Self.
James Haynes,	70	Schreiner.
W. A. Phelps,	60	Schreiner.

Total, \$1,205

TO WIDOWS.

Mrs. Belle Coddington,	\$10	Stoddard.
Mrs. Mary E. Freeland,	175	Willits.
Mrs. Rebecca Donaldson,	100	Carson.
Mrs. Martha Reynolds,	25	Schreiner.
Mrs. Hannah J. Hare,	100	Schreiner.
Mrs. Clara S. Wheeler,	140	Schreiner.
Mrs. Alice Allison,	90	Schreiner.
Mrs. Olive Wayman,	10	Adams.
Mrs. I. I. Stewart,	10	Stoddard.
Mrs. Mary R. McDonald,	120	Schreiner.
Mrs. Mary Latham,	90	Schreiner.
Mrs. C. I. Kirkpatrick,	125	Schreiner.
Mrs. Rebecca D. Hestwood,	110	Lambert.
Mrs. Mary Haynes,	75	Bamford.
Mrs. R. G. Wilson,	10	Brooks.
Mrs. Victoria Robertson,	50	Hackley.
Mrs. Mary Burgess,	100	Patterson.
Mrs. C. W. Shepherd,	50	Tennant.
Mrs. Mary Coiner,	10	Schreiner.
Mrs. J. T. Coleman,	120	Hurlburt.
Mrs. J. W. Lewis,	130	Self.
Mrs. W. E. Patterson,	50	
Contingent Fund,	16	

Total, \$1,716

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. KENDRICK, Chairman.

E. L. SCHREINER, Secretary.

U. B. SMITH, Treasurer.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REPORT of Committee:

WHEREAS, The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is a creature and an organized benevolent society of the Church; and

WHEREAS, The Society has done, and is doing, great and efficient work for the Church of Jesus Christ in and through its Industrial Homes, Mission Schools, frontier and deaconess work, for and among the needy in our midst, and has raised over \$1,455 for the current year within the territory of the Iowa Conference; and

WHEREAS, There are but twenty-five local Auxiliaries of the Society within the bounds of the Iowa Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we recognize the Woman's Home Missionary Society to be a strong ally of the local Church, and in full harmony with the other Societies of the Church; and

Resolved, 2. That, as pastors of the Iowa Conference, we extend a cordial invitation and welcome to the representatives of the Society to visit our several charges, and, wherever practicable, organize local Auxiliaries of the Society to co-operate in the world's redemption to God.

Resolved, 3. That the ministry of the Iowa Conference will give all practicable assistance to such representatives of the Society as shall, from time to time, visit their charges in the interest of the Society.

A. C. BOYD, Secretary.

G. H. HANAWALT, Chairman.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

COLLECTIONS.	TOTAL	VOUCHERS...	CASH	TO WHOM PAID.
Missions,	\$13,589	\$2,182	\$11,407	Homer Eaton.
Missionary Debt,	944	526	418	"
Church Extension,	1,054	141	913	Curts & Jennings.
Sunday-school Union,	238	12	226	" "
Tract Society,	225	15	210	" "
Freedmen's Aid, etc.,	1,421	228	1,193	" "
Iowa Wesleyan University,	1,615	667	948	T. J. Myers.
Children's Fund,	542	317	225	C. H. Payne.
American Bible Society,	246	63	183	A. B. Society.
Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society,	3,670	3,641	29	Mrs. L. W. Byrkit.
Woman's Home Miss'y Society, .	1,544	1,530	14	Mrs. L. G. Murphy.
Special to Thoburn work in India,	40	.....	40	Homer Eaton.
Other Collections,	130	130	.....
Wesley Hospital,	5	.....	5	Wesley Hospital.
Episcopal Fund,	1,284	57	1,227	Curts & Jennings.
Conference Claimants,	2,017	.....	2,017	U. B. Smith.
	\$28,564	\$9,509	\$19,055	

T. S. POOL, Treasurer.

STATISTICS Nos. I AND IV.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Number	NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMB'RSHIP.				BAP- TISMS.	SUNDAY- SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.							BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																	
		No. of Probation- ers	No. of Full Mem- bers.....	No. of Deaths.....	No. of Adults Baptized.....	No. of Children Baptized.....	No. of Adults Baptized.....	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars.....	No. of Churches..	Probable Value....	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value....	P'd for Building & Improv'g Chur' & & Parsonages.....	P'd on Old Indebt- edness C'h Prop..	Pre'st Indeb'tness on C'h Property..	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension.....	S. S. Union.....	Tract Society.....	Freed'n's Aid and South'n Ed. Soc.	EDU- CATION (a) Public Ed'l Col	(b) Child'n's Fund	American Bible Society.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc...	Woman's Home Missionary Soc...	Total Other Be- nevolent Collec'ts	Gen'l Conf. Exp's..	Conf. Claimants..	Episcopal Fund...	Raised on Mis- sionary Debt.....
																	(a) Church ...	(b) Sunday- school	Total.....															
1	Ainsworth		129	2	2	1	11	100	1	\$2000	1	\$850	\$150	\$800	\$70	\$47	\$23	\$70	\$1	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$10	\$3	\$1	\$11	\$98	\$48	\$10	\$7	\$15			
2	Burlington: 1st C'h.....	10	640	1	7	16	1	46	260	1	60000	1	5000	92	6700	340	160	500	25	\$5	\$5	\$5	20	12	5	250	\$46	\$45	110	\$37	.....		
3	Grace	24	346	1	16	10	1	34	455	1	35000	1	1500	354	300	5000	34	104	138	22	7	7	25	24	5	46	45	\$48	28	14	.....		
4	West	3	58	1	1	2	1	10	30	1	2000	1	800	150	300	5	5		
5	Circuit.....	2	176	6	22	5	34	200	4	6000	1	1500	15	105	12	117	17	7	7	20	24	1		
6	Columbus City	2	120	1	.....	2	4	35	150	4	3600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	10	53	4	1	1	4	12	2	1	11	.....	10	6	.....		
7	Columbus Junction	2	150	1	1	12	2	30	175	2	6000	1	1200	100	250	600	76	30	106	18	2	2	20	12	3	2	20	.....	14	8	.....		
8	Crawfordsville	23	213	.....	1	1	2	20	140	3	2850	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	66	8	74	3	1	1	6	12	.....	.....	10	.....	14	7	.....		
9	Danville	3	145	4	1	21	2	23	150	2	7000	1	1000	275	.....	.....	98	12	110	13	2	2	16	25	8	2	62	2	25	11	15	
10	Ft. Madison: First.....	11	240	2	2	4	1	27	250	1	10000	1	1500	1300	.....	.....	.....	23	23	5	.....	.....	5	20	3	.....	100	54	15	10	20
11	Santa Fe Avenue	36	152	1	1	1	1	25	217	1	4500	.....	.....	140	.....	.....	6	8	14	.....	.....	.....	5	2	4	.....	13	.....	3	5	.....		
12	Hillsboro	8	241	1	1	6	4	26	175	5	6550	.....	.....	2100	.....	.....	35	7	42	7	1	1	8	8	.....	1	1	.....	14	5	.....		
13	Kossuth	5	190	2	.....	23	3	22	160	3	3500	2	800	50	50	.....	37	.....	37	1	1	1	1	14	4	.....	.....	.....	4	6	.....		
14	Mediapolis	3	217	2	6	2	1	15	154	1	2500	1	1800	25	40	65	85	150	14	3	3	18	5	15	3	60	7	3	20	12		
15	Morning Sun	10	285	1	15	38	2	32	232	2	10000	1	2500	308	138	1760	53	52	105	18	1	1	24	4	3	2	22	10	22	30	11	20		
16	Mt. Pleasant: 1st C'h.....	18	601	9	1	1	31	275	1	20000	1	3000	50	500	300	100	400	35	3	2	2	30	65	25	2	276	155	20	63	30	20		
17	Circuit	4	237	6	4	34	224	4	5100	1	2000	38	28	100	10	110	6	2	2	6	20	2	5	20	14	5		
18	West Circuit	1	125	1	5	7	3	28	97	3	3400	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	4	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....		
19	Mt. Union	2	286	1	4	13	4	45	280	4	7600	1	800	85	170	123	163	163	29	5	5	32	20	5	5	1	5	25	11	5		
20	New London	24	184	1	1	30	3	24	140	3	4500	1	1200	56	45	25	70	2	1	1	2	10	7	1	6	8		
21	Salina	17	122	.....	5	1	4	28	180	4	3500	1	800	125	.....	.....	16	14	30	1	1	1	1	6	.....	1	.....	.....	5	3	.....		
22	Sperry	11	216	2	3	24	4	36	180	4	3200	1	700	125	40	40	2	1	1	3	13	5	1	7	5		
23	Wapello.....	5	223	3	3	31	3	36	210	3	4000	1	1500	80	50	10	60	1	1	13	8	11		
24	Wayland	5	200	2	.....	2	4	55	300	4	5500	1	1200	30	.....	.....	70	20	90	3	2	2	3	12	.....	2	.....	.....	12	9	.....		
25	West Point	1	190	1	6	4	36	220	2	2500	1	700	475	73	7	80	4	1	1	4	12	6	2	7	19	20	10	9	20		
26	Winfield	3	242	3	1	4	1	19	200	1	4500	1	1500	135	900	30	20	50	6	4	15	6	13	8	10	13		
	Total	237	5928	20	81	280	66	762	5154	65	225300	22	31850	6058	2888	15171	1901	741	2642	236	47	46	265	365	121	45	897	403	176	491	203	133		

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

1	Batavia	236	...	3	1	3	28	180	2	1800	1	800	.....	6	.....	82	13	95	10	2	1	10	13	.....	1	.....	1	.....	15	7	10
2	Bentonsport.....	18	288	...	3	1	20	4	36	250	4	6000	1	500	2750	.....	455	78	12	90	5	1	1	5	6	4	1	.....	8	9	.....		
3	Birmingham	6	185	...	3	1	4	3	36	200	3	3600	1	500	75	30	15	65	15	80	2	1	1	3	1	28	.....	12	10	.....			
4	Bloomfield	11	461	4	8	5	8	1	18	250	1	5000	1	2000	102	.....	243	61	304	30	5	5	25	40	16	15	163	.....	35	16	21	
5	Cantril	47	375	...	3	.....	62	4	36	310	3	4500	1	600	.....	50	76	.....	76	6	3	2	10	3	.....	2	.....	17	6	8	
6	Centerville	8	422	2	4	2	4	1	20	240	1	5000	1	3500	800	248	52	300	30	5	5	30	40	5	4	87	5	35	30	16	35		
7	Cincinnati .....	.....	300	1	3	2	3	4	40	300	4	5000	1	1000	200	.....	30	10	40	2	.....	6	5	5	.....	.....	.....	12	10	.....			
8	Drakeville	2	290	.....	.....	6	3	20	290	3	3200	1	500	.....	.....	17	3	20	2	.....	2	4	.....	2	.....	.....	1	2	4	.....			
9	Eldon	4	153	.....	.....	.....	1	22	125	1	1000	1	6000	340	.....	200	53	7	60	2	1	1	2	2	.....	1	.....	10	6	.....			
10	Exline	1	130	1	.....	.....	2	15	65	3	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	Fairfield	25	480	1	2	4	.....	1	41	570	1	12000	1	1000	.....	.....	60	171	231	10	4	4	13	9	5	3	123	35	22	16	.....		
12	Farmington	4	160	.....	4	.....	1	2	18	140	3	2800	1	1000	41	140	50	15	.....	15	1	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....	5	8	.....	.....	
13	Keokuk: Chatham Sq	10	268	.....	3	1	6	1	30	225	1	5000	1	1000	100	800	.....	95	30	125	5	.....	5	24	6	70	28	105	20	14	35
14	First Church	8	375	.....	3	4	11	3	42	420	3	14500	1	2000	175	170	600	.....	50	30	80	2	1	1	3	8	.....	30	5	10	.....		
15	Keosauqua	1	206	.....	4	.....	1	14	125	1	2000	1	2000	15	.....	.....	44	21	65	6	1	1	6	10	3	1	39	.....	10	10	.....		
16	Keosauqua Circuit	23	317	.....	2	1	14	5	55	230	4	2600	.....	.....	.....	.....	64	36	100	19	5	4	19	22	5	5	.....	.....	17	9	.....		
17	Libertyville	1	215	1	2	5	2	22	200	2	2100	1	800	413	70	10	80	11	4	2	11	11	3	4	21	1	10	12	5	10		
18	Milton	6	440	3	2	.....	19	2	35	220	2	8500	1	.....	6800	.....	70	20	90	5	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	21	18	12	18
19	Montrose	8	142	5	2	4	45	240	3	4200	1	700	125	25	9	3	12	1	1	5	5		
20	Moulton	10	159	1	.....	2	10	1	20	125	1	2000	1	1500	.....	.....	24	26	50	5	3	1	15	15	7	1	2	25	14	9	.....		
21	Mount Zion	2	107	1	12	4	30	125	5	4500	1	400	70	100	41	11	52	4	2	2	5	7	2	1	12	6	5	10		
22	Mystic	16	320	2	4	1	28	4	50	310	5	4300	1	600	60	130	6	31	35	66	8	1	1	8	5	4	.....	.....	10	8	.....		
23	Pulaski .....	.....	270	.....	3	1	.....	3	26	225	3	3800	1	700	40	40	.....	42	18	60	5	1	1	3	6	2	1	.....	15	10	.....		
24	Salem	2	165	1	2	.....	2	4	32	155	4	3500	1	700	25	.....	50	35	85	10	.....	.....	15	5	.....	4	.....	20	5	5	20
25	Selma	2	242	2	1	22	4	24	200	4	4000	1	600	557	170	125	25	150	7	3	3	2	10	11	3	44	21	11	17	9	10	
26	Troy	15	268	2	25	4	38	213	4	3000	1	600	7	15	70	98	2	100	7	1	1	7	13	7	1	13	1	10	7		
27	West Grove	5	190	4	2	8	3	28	140	4	3800	1	900	107	240	105	105	2	1	1	4	12	1	4	9		
Total		235	7173	16	68	35	271	74	821	6082	75	119700	25	20900	12802	1331	1981	1886	646	2532	197	46	37	196	285	102	46	639	59	305	1	337	234	182

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

1	Amish.....	6	140	1	4	1	.....	4	35	160	4	3050	1	450	1861	.....	33	19	52	8	2	2	7	12	6	2	2	2	3	10	6	3
2	Blue Grass.....	16	121	.....	.....	2	13	4	50	150	3	4500	1	350	160	.....	48	40	88	5	1	1	5	5	.....	1	2	2	.....	15	5	.....
3	Kalona.....	5	210	1	4	4	5	4	47	200	4	3600	1	1100	85	20	.....	73	27	100	2	1	1	2	10	4	1	3	.....	25	15	8
4	Keota.....	7	167	.....	2	2	7	2	38	165	2	5800	1	1000	3910	.....	64	31	95	10	3	2	10	13	6	.....	50	.....	2	10	11	.....
5	Koszta.....	3	133	.....	.....	1	.....	3	32	146	3	2750	1	900	41	.....	18	.....	18	3	1	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	5	.....
6	Ladora.....	1	117	.....	3	.....	7	1	16	75	2	2800	1	800	20	.....	80	10	90	8	1	1	8	8	2	2	20	.....	20	35	10	20
7	Letts.....	9	260	.....	7	3	.....	2	40	181	2	5500	1	1200	4	200	.....	124	16	140	20	5	2	20	25	10	2	.....	20	20	11	20
8	Lexington.....	1	158	.....	2	.....	2	2	30	130	2	3600	1	1200	1300	.....	72	13	85	2	.....	1	3	10	.....	65	.....	.....	16	8	.....
9	Lone Tree.....	5	246	.....	2	5	17	3	29	240	3	6000	1	1000	35	1200	.....	30	20	50	10	1	1	5	9	3	1	.....	20	10	9	20
10	Marengo.....	10	180	.....	1	5	4	1	25	200	1	9000	1	1500	50	.....	70	15	85	5	1	1	5	5	.....	.....	31	146	.....	5	12	.....
11	Millersburg.....	6	130	.....	.....	10	11	2	22	126	2	2500	1	300	.....	.....	27	3	30	5	1	1	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	4	.....

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

Number	NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMB'RSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.							BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																				
		No. of Probation-ers	No. of Full Mem-bers.....	No. Local Preach's	No. of Deaths.....	No. of Adults Baptized	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Schools.....	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars.....	No. of Churches...	Probable Value.....	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.....	Pd for Building & Improv'g Church's & Parsonages.....	Pd on Old Indebtedness Ch Prop..	Pres't Indeb'tness on Ch Property..	MISSIONS.				Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union.....	Tract Society	Freed'n's Aid and South'n Ed. Soc..	EDUCATION		American Bible Society.....	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc....	Woman's Home Missionary Soc....	Total Other Benevolent Collec'ts	Gen'l Conf. Exp's..	Conf. Claimants...	Episcopal Fund...	Raised on Mis-sionary Debt.....		
																		Total.....	(a) Sunday-school	(b) Church ..	(a) Public Ed'n Col.....					(b) Child'n's Fund											
12	Muscatine: 1st Ch....	3	531	2	17	9	6	1	40	394	1	\$40000	1	\$5000	\$110	.....	.....	\$273	\$127	\$410	\$15	\$5	\$5	\$15	\$25	\$16	\$10	\$207	\$120	.....	.....	\$45	\$32	.....	.....
13	Park Avenue	9	123	.....	.....	5	4	1	23	130	1	2500	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	16	16	32	5	1	1	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4	.....	\$5	
14	Circuit	11	275	.....	.....	4	8	4	50	375	4	11500	.....	3000	2700	.....	.....	80	45	125	2	1	1	2	12	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	11	.....	.....
15	Nichols	9	173	.....	.....	1	.....	3	37	227	3	3300	.....	.....	137	\$55	\$40	44	8	52	10	2	2	10	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	6	.....	.....
16	North English	14	236	.....	.....	3	30	2	24	165	2	6100	.....	1500	5070	.....	1400	41	29	70	1	1	1	2	7	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	11	.....	.....
17	Oxford	15	136	.....	.....	4	4	1	12	.....	1	4000	.....	1200	110	.....	.....	57	8	65	9	3	5	6	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	5	.....	.....
18	Riverside .....	.....	135	.....	.....	2	.....	2	30	320	2	2500	.....	1500	200	.....	.....	20	10	30	2	.....	.....	2	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	7	.....	20
19	Sweetland	4	172	.....	.....	1	5	3	41	200	4	5500	.....	800	150	.....	.....	80	20	100	15	3	3	10	12	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	10	.....	.....
20	Tiffin	22	165	4	4	3	20	125	3	4500	650	2500	35	44	16	60	1	3	12	5	4	3	19	5	6
21	Victor	7	196	.....	.....	3	6	2	24	160	2	4500	.....	1000	100	.....	.....	25	15	40	3	1	1	3	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	9	.....	.....
22	Washington	4	690	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	41	320	1	20000	.....	3000	.....	.....	.....	233	132	365	50	10	10	50	50	14	10	237	326	92	.....	.....	50	25	.....	.....
23	Webster	19	303	1	8	4	42	400	4	4000	1300	100	95	5	100	2	1	2	2	5	8	1	11	10
24	West Chester	109	1	13	50	2	2000	700	30	47	3	50	5	5	10	6
25	Wellman	6	262	2	4	3	1	2	24	200	2	5000	.....	1000	270	.....	.....	105	35	140	6	1	1	6	16	4	1	81	12	.....	.....	.....	16	13	.....	.....
26	West Liberty	6	204	2	6	1	22	150	1	7000	1500	155	25	180	25	5	5	25	25	5	5	86	25	13	10
27	Williamsburg	133	1	3	3	1	17	132	1	2500	1600	1600	35	15	50	1	1	5	5	10	9
28	Wilton	12	202	.....	.....	1	11	1	31	320	1	7000	.....	1500	175	.....	.....	205	129	334	22	5	5	22	22	8	34	138	84	120	.....	.....	33	13	.....	127
Total		210	5907	8	77	77	159	62	855	5441	63	177900	26	35050	19139	1475	3748	2194	832	3026	251	57	58	250	321	118	78	1161	697	345	2	424	269	225	.....	.....

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

1	Barnes City.....	53	194	...	...	11	22	4	39	192	4	5000	1	800	250	195	600	69	6	75	2	1	1	2	5	2	1	6	1	10	...	9	7	10
2	Beacon.....	18	206	2	2	11	9	3	43	290	4	4690	.....	.....	85	110	50	61	19	80	4	1	1	4	6	1	.....	.....	13	...	10	7	10	
3	Brooklyn.....	23	370	...	...	10	46	1	18	275	1	10000	1	1000	.....	.....	130	125	40	165	10	4	4	12	20	5	4	74	30	30	...	27	17	.....
4	Deep River.....	.....	204	.....	.....	1	.....	1	14	120	2	3500	1	1200	1300	50	380	39	6	45	2	1	1	2	10	3	5	.....	.....	10	...	6	8	10
5	Delta.....	10	220	.....	.....	4	37	3	35	170	3	3100	.....	.....	120	.....	.....	43	3	46	2	.....	.....	2	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	6	.....
6	Ewart.....	3	135	.....	.....	1	8	3	20	125	3	2800	1	800	85	.....	.....	50	10	60	7	1	1	7	10	2	.....	36	.....	10	...	6	6	10
7	Grinnell.....	13	400	2	5	2	.....	1	29	300	1	26000	1	3000	.....	3987	9600	200	70	270	32	7	7	52	35	5	12	137	80	.....	.....	40	20	.....

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

8	Kellogg	4	109	3	21	147	4	3500	1	300	25	46	40	40	2	2	8	3	40	5	...	12	6
9	Lacey	171	1	4	40	175	4	3500	1	1000	90	74	720	59	6	65	8	1	1	8	12	8	1	20	...	10	8
10	Lynnville	12	196	1	1	1	8	4	38	208	4	4000	1	800	36	.....	87	3	90	1	1	1	12	5	1	....	...	15	...	7	9	15
11	Malcom	1	164	...	2	...	1	2	20	175	2	5000	1	1600	150	35	40	16	56	5	1	1	5	4	6	14	...	6	8	7	6
12	Montezuma	3	330	...	1	1	2	1	23	220	1	4500	1	600	550	.....	75	30	105	5	1	1	20	5	9	16	50	33	27	20	16	....
13	Newton	25	525	...	6	5	1	1	38	505	1	12000	.....	.....	50	400	180	40	220	10	3	3	15	25	6	3	80	30	35	20	20	....
14	Newton Circuit	7	274	...	3	6	6	4	54	384	4	5000	.....	.....	80	.....	136	34	170	14	4	4	14	30	25	5	22	40	25	11	....	
15	*New Sharon	3	300	2	1	12	3	1	18	180	1	3000	1	800	75	230	150	113	27	140	6	1	1	6	12	4	.....	15	17	14	15	....
16	Oskaloosa: Central	51	743	3	6	9	58	1	38	421	1	40000	1	1600	.....	400	12000	233	126	359	20	8	8	20	50	10	.....	39	115	50	30	15
17	Oskaloosa Circuit	2	14	4	14	125	2	600	500	1	1	41	10	7	11
18	Pella	3	97	1	...	1	...	1	23	100	1	1800	1	800	40	95	50	15	65	7	1	1	7	10	15	10	6	15
19	Reasnor	55	218	2	3	5	25	3	30	225	5	2800	1	650	400	63	70	6	76	1	1	10	1
20	Rose Hill	14	135	...	1	...	1	1	10	50	3	2800	1	600	900	.....	.....	34	5	39	3	...	...	3	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	....
21	Sonora	2	219	...	1	2	4	3	35	210	3	6000	1	1500	150	.....	.....	31	87	118	12	2	2	12	12	17	.....	11	28	15	12	20
22	Taintor	2	150	...	5	...	2	4	39	220	3	2400	1	400	.....	.....	.....	60	5	65	12	2	2	12	8	3	2	.....	10	13	6	20
23	Thornburg	1	244	1	4	.....	3	4	44	220	3	4900	1	1000	41	.....	.....	112	21	133	10	2	2	10	15	5	1	.....	25	16	6	....
24	What Cheer	8	200	2	...	6	.....	1	22	250	1	3000	1	1000	16	100	400	35	33	68	4	1	1	5	15	.....	3	2	9	8	2	....
Total		313	5878	16	46	83	234	57	709	5287	61	159800	19	19450	4893	5277	24588	2143	608	2751	179	43	43	222	327	119	52	512	144	467	372	242	159

*New Sharon special donation \$200 additional.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

1	Agency.....	5	298	1	2	1	46	2	43	260	2	4000	1	1500	168	55	118	22	140	11	1	1	10	12	8	39	210	20	23	12	20
2	Albia.....	7	325	.....	4	.....	2	2	25	200	1	13000	1	1500	240	.....	.....	56	102	158	6	2	2	6	22	4	.....	53	68	.....	25	17	.....
3	Attica.....	20	275	1	2	.....	9	4	46	230	5	4750	1	800	100	.....	.....	120	.....	120	2	.....	.....	4	3	.....	1	.....	31	20	10	30	.....
4	Blakesburg.....	5	100	.....	1	2	20	3	25	150	3	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	15	45	2	1	.....	2	2	.....	.....	5	.....	3	5	5	.....
5	Brighton.....	3	283	.....	2	1	13	1	20	150	1	5000	1	300	60	.....	.....	40	30	70	10	2	2	8	14	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	8	.....	.....
6	Cedar.....	3	182	.....	4	1	2	2	16	158	2	2800	1	1200	46	.....	262	49	17	66	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	20	31	16	9	31	.....
7	Chillicothe.....	8	205	.....	3	.....	3	4	30	200	4	3500	1	600	20	100	.....	53	12	65	3	2	2	8	10	3	.....	.....	5	17	9	5	.....
8	Durham.....	2	142	3	3	.....	6	3	30	90	3	3200	1	500	80	.....	.....	28	.....	28	3	1	1	5	.....	7	1	.....	4	.....	8	7	.....
9	Eddyville.....	6	170	1	9	3	2	3	39	160	3	4300	1	1200	1050	.....	200	15	10	25	.....	.....	.....	1	4	3	.....	.....	3	7	.....	.....
10	Fremont.....	5	170	.....	1	10	4	2	20	100	2	4500	1	1300	125	120	25	60	20	80	10	2	2	10	10	5	2	7	3	23	10	7	6
11	Hedrick.....	4	186	.....	2	.....	12	2	26	140	2	3800	1	1000	.....	.....	910	55	10	65	6	2	2	6	7	3	.....	23	10	.....	14	9	.....
12	Iconium and Melrose..	14	205	.....	1	.....	14	3	39	190	3	3000	1	600	480	.....	30	56	4	60	14	4	3	14	2	.....	.....	.....	15	7	.....	.....
13	Kirkville.....	16	307	.....	5	28	17	2	31	270	2	4300	1	1000	25	30	.....	72	18	90	5	3	2	7	7	5	2	36	27	20	12	27	.....
14	Knoxville.....	20	505	2	7	1	15	1	40	375	1	22000	1	2000	.....	.....	182	68	250	15	5	5	10	35	7	5	77	85	.....	35	20	.....	
15	Lovilia.....	2	257	1	8	1	1	5	65	275	6	6500	1	500	425	15	.....	82	28	110	10	1	1	10	.....	8	1	.....	8	21	20	10	.....
16	Martinsburg.....	7	192	.....	1	1	.....	1	13	78	3	3000	1	600	168	.....	.....	40	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	8	.....
17	Marysville.....	12	230	.....	1	.....	20	4	43	190	4	4300	1	300	10	.....	.....	86	14	100	5	1	1	5	5	4	1	11	.....	40	11	7	.....
18	Moravia.....	4	217	1	1	4	22	3	36	240	3	8000	1	1000	100	.....	280	55	30	85	4	1	1	4	20	3	.....	31	18	10	20	.....	
19	Ottumwa: 1st Church	15	655	2	6	2	16	1	29	325	1	35000	1	6000	3000	1000	2000	428	112	540	50	10	10	50	60	14	10	84	188	73	60	26	51	
20	Main Street.....	.....	115	1	4	1	.....	1	15	116	1	5000	.....	.....	.....	.....	650	23	23	46	10	.....	.....	10	3	.....	41	12	.....	7	12	.....	
21	Willard Street.....	1	281	.....	1	.....	3	1	20	135	1	3000	1	1500	95	345	150	60	10	70	5	1	1	4	13	3	.....	.....	10	11	10	10	.....

*\$300 contributed as a special gift.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

Number	NAMES OF CHARGES.	CHURCH MEMB'RSHIP.			BAPTISMS. No. of Adults Baptized	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. No. of Officers and Teachers	CHURCH PROPERTY.						BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																				
		No. of Deaths.....	No. of Local Frach's Members.....	No. of Probation-ets			No. of Churches...	Probable Value.....	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value.....	P'd for Building & Improv'g Chur's & Parsonages.....	P'd on Old Indeb't-ness Ch Prop.	Prest Indeb'tness on Ch Property..	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	S. S. Union.....	Tract Society	Freedm's Aid and South'n Ed. Soc..	EDU- CATION Ed'n Col	American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc...	Woman's Home Missionary Soc...	Total Other Be-nevolent Collec's	Gen'l Conf. Exp's..	Conf. Claimants...	Episcopal Fund ...	Raised on Mis-stionary Debt.....				
														(a) Church ...	(b) Sunday-school	Total.....																	
22	Packwood	6	198	1	1	3	40	175	4	\$3300	1	\$1400	\$45	.....	\$375	\$24	\$16	\$40	\$2	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$3	.....	.....	.....	\$10	\$5	\$9	.....	\$10		
23	Pleasant Plain	3	175	1	5	15	3	42	3	5000	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	10	50	5	1	1	6	10	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	Richland.....	7	261	1	4	.....	4	38	3	2500	1	900	20	.....	.....	72	10	82	1	1	1	1	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	Sigourney	28	311	1	4	6	1	25	1	1000	1	1000	.....	.....	.....	44	22	66	2	2	1	2	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	Tracy	4	211	1	4	.....	4	28	4	3700	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	60	5	65	2	2	1	2	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	Unionville.....	5	215	3	.....	1	3	40	3	2200	1	600	20	\$20	30	35	15	50	2	.....	.....	3	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	212	6791	15	83	39	249	68	864	5062	72	164150	23	27300	6352	1630	4967	1983	623	2606	186	45	41	194	200	90	25	552	573	417	385	266	252

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

1	Burlington	237	5928	20	62	81	280	66	762	5154	65	225800	22	31850	6058	2888	15171	1901	741	2642	236	47	46	265	365	121	45	897	403	126	...	491	263	133
2	Keokuk	235	7173	16	68	85	271	74	821	6082	75	119700	25	29000	12802	1331	1981	1886	646	2532	197	46	57	196	285	105	46	639	59	305	1	337	234	182
3	Muscatine	210	5907	8	77	77	159	62	855	5411	63	177900	26	35050	19139	1475	3748	2194	832	3026	251	57	58	250	321	118	78	1161	697	345	2	424	260	225
4	Oskaloosa	313	5878	16	46	83	234	57	709	5287	61	150800	19	19450	4893	5277	24588	1943	608	2751	179	43	43	222	327	119	52	512	141	467	...	372	242	159
5	Ottumwa.....	212	6791	15	83	39	249	68	864	5062	72	164150	23	27300	6352	1630	4967	1983	623	2606	186	45	41	194	290	90	25	552	573	417	...	385	266	252
	Total this year...	1207	31677	75	336	315	1193	327	4011	27026	336	846850	115	143550	49244	12581	50455	9907	3450	13557	1049	235	245	1127	1588	553	246	3761	1876	1660	3	2009	1274	951
	Total last year...	1207	30756	78	329	461	1106	324	3954	26992	330	832600	111	144135	51297	23950	57397	9326	3415	12741	1345	209	197	1156	1688	503	221	3933	1360	1263	...	1820	1282	.....
	Increase .....	.....	921	...	7	.....	87	3	57	34	6	14250	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	581	35	816	.....	26	48	.....	.....	50	25	.....	516	397	3	189	8	.....
	Decrease .....	.....	.....	3	.....	146	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	585	5053	11369	6042	.....	.....	.....	296	...	...	29	100	.....	.....	172	.....	.....	...	.....	.....

STATISTICS No. III.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUP'T OF PRESID'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES.		
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.....	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned		Amount Paid.....	Rec'd fr'm	Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....
			Salary	House Rent....	Total.....	Salary	House Rent....	Total.....										
1	Ainsworth	Geo. Filmer.....	\$650	\$100	\$750	\$650	\$100	\$750	.....	\$58	\$58	\$7	\$815	\$10	\$10	\$80	\$30
2	Burlington: First Church	R. F. Hurlburt.....	2000	400	2400	2000	400	2400	.....	243	243	37	2680	110	110	1205	205
3	Grace Church.....	W. H. Mahaffie.....	1200	200	1400	1220	200	1420	.....	65	65	14	1499	28	28	437	172
4	West Church	U. S. Smith.....	350	.....	350	290	.....	290	\$60	18	18	4	308	.....	.....	60	20
5	Circuit	C. W. Powelson.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	56	56	9	805	28	28	60	45
6	Columbus City	S. F. Bishop.....	500	72	572	466	72	538	34	30	28	6	572	10	10	50	40	
7	Columbus Junction.....	W. S. Kight.....	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	54	54	8	882	14	14	125	86
8	Crawfordsville.....	W. L. Clapp.....	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	38	38	7	645	10	10	88	41
9	Danville	B. M. Boydston.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	63	63	11	874	25	25	75	50
10	Ft. Madison: First C'h.....	J. C. Willits.....	900	150	1050	900	150	1050	.....	60	60	10	1120	15	15	200	74
11	Sante Fe Avenue.....	J. M. Coates.....	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....	28	28	5	733	3	3	78	60
12	Hillsboro	Paul H. McBeth.....	530	.....	530	540	.....	540	.....	35	35	5	580	14	14	90	80
13	Kossuth	J. W. Pool.....	500	50	550	474	50	524	26	38	38	6	508	4	4	55	25	
14	Mediapolis.....	M. J. Pusey.....	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	69	69	12	931	20	20	109	65
15	Morning Sun.....	A. E. Burditt.....	800	125	925	782	125	907	18	62	62	11	980	30	30	20	70	
16	Mt. Pleasant: First C'h	W. P. Stoddard.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	178	178	30	1608	63	63	350	50
17	Circuit.....	J. W. Fraker.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	73	73	14	1037	20	20	120	58
18	West Circuit.....	Samuel Thero.....	350	.....	350	367	.....	367	.....	14	13	3	383	3	3	63	29
19	Mt. Union.....	G. F. Cannon.....	700	100	800	713	100	813	.....	58	58	11	882	25	25	140	75
20	New London.....	E. E. Doud.....	600	100	700	571	100	671	20	50	48	9	727	6	6	100	36	
21	Salina	J. H. Taylor.....	450	50	500	423	50	473	27	55	47	10	523	5	5	50	60	
22	Sperry.....	B. G. Hankins.....	450	50	500	420	50	470	21	40	40	7	524	7	7	60	55	
23	Wapello.....	T. S. Pool.....	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	62	62	11	1023	8	8	90	62
24	Wayland.....	Geo. Schlenker.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	58	58	9	867	12	12	75	65
25	West Point.....	A. M. Mahaffie.....	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	58	58	9	742	10	10	57	60
26	Winfield.....	John Hanks.....	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	59	59	10	1009	8	8	100	50
Total.....			19080	2602	21722	18875	2602	21507	215	1622	1609	268	23437	488	488	4006	1724	

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPP'T OF PRESIDI'G ELDER'S.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.....	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES	
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....		Rec'd fr'm	Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....
			Salary	House Rent....	Total.....	Salary	House Rent....	Total.....										
1	Batavia.....	H. F. Gilbert.....	\$600	\$75	\$675	\$530	\$75	\$605	\$70	\$60	\$58	\$3	\$7	\$670	\$81	\$3	\$68	
2	Bentonsport.....	A. E. Thornley.....	600	50	650	570	50	620	30	60	55	9	9	684	220	65	65	
3	Birmingham.....	J. E. Wilkins.....	650	60	710	650	60	710	.....	60	60	10	10	780	160	90	90
4	Bloomfield.....	T. B. Hughes.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	100	100	16	16	1316	35	35	45
5	Cantril.....	S. W. Siberts.....	740	60	800	700	60	760	40	65	63	.....	6	820	17	17	.....
6	Centerville.....	I. O. Kemble.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	100	100	16	16	1316	30	30	90
7	Cincinnati.....	G. W. Pool.....	600	100	700	550	100	650	50	65	60	11	10	720	250	100	.....
8	Drakeville.....	R. Weese.....	500	50	550	480	50	530	20	60	55	9	4	589	30	20	20	
9	Eldon.....	T. F. Barker.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	40	40	6	6	646	80	36	36
10	Exline.....	W. E. Snyder.....	250	.....	250	195	.....	195	55	45	29	.....	.....	224	40	23	.....
11	Fairfield.....	J. A. Boatman.....	1125	.....	1125	1125	.....	1125	.....	100	100	16	16	1241	22	22	125
12	Farmington.....	G. W. Barber.....	625	100	725	542	100	642	83	65	56	10	8	706	5	5	40	
13	Keokuk: Chatham Sq're..	P. J. Henness.....	1000	300	1300	940	300	1240	60	100	94	15	14	1348	25	25	90	
14	First Church.....	R. L. Patterson.....	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	65	65	10	10	1075	5	5	125
15	Keosauqua.....	C. L. Tennant.....	650	150	800	650	150	800	.....	65	65	10	10	875	10	10	40
16	Keosauqua Circuit.....	J. B. Eyestone.....	600	.....	600	568	.....	568	32	65	63	10	9	640	17	17	83
17	Libertyville.....	G. L. Minear.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	45	45	5	5	650	12	12	27
18	Milton.....	J. W. Potter.....	950	150	1100	950	150	1100	.....	66	66	12	12	1178	15	15	80
19	Montrose.....	W. S. Shearer.....	400	60	460	400	60	460	.....	34	34	4	4	498	6	6	60
20	Moulton.....	W. R. Jeffrey.....	635	150	785	635	150	785	.....	65	65	9	9	859	14	14	50
21	Mt. Zion.....	E. S. Daly.....	450	50	500	335	50	385	115	50	39	7	5	429	6	6	30	
22	Mystic.....	R. Breeden.....	800	60	860	750	60	810	50	65	60	10	8	878	10	10	132	
23	Pulaski.....	E. J. Smith.....	640	60	700	573	60	633	67	65	65	10	10	708	15	15	35	
24	Salem.....	J. W. Carson.....	650	100	750	598	100	698	52	55	55	8	5	758	5	5	65	
25	Selma.....	B. F. Shane.....	650	50	700	650	50	700	.....	65	65	12	12	777	17	17	58
26	Troy.....	W. M. Erskine.....	500	60	560	419	60	479	81	60	60	9	7	546	10	10	28	
27	West Grove.....	E. J. Shook.....	615	85	700	622	85	707	.....	60	60	9	9	776	4	4	27
Total.....			18080	2520	20600	17282	2520	19802	805	1745	1677	251	237	21716	322	322	1534	

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

1	Amish.....	Alex. Telfer.....	556	50	606	556	50	606	.....	50	50	6	6	602	10	.....	10	45	40
2	Blue Grass.....	W. W. Williams.....	500	52	552	441	52	493	59	44	41	6	5	530	5	.....	5	105	100
3	Kalona.....	D. G. Abbott.....	610	90	700	610	90	700	.....	50	50	8	8	758	15	.....	15	100	52
4	Keota.....	W. C. Chew.....	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	50	50	11	11	911	10	.....	10	155	95
5	Kosztar.....	G. W. Byrkit.....	500	50	550	400	50	450	100	44	44	6	5	490	.....	2	2	58	52
6	Ladora.....	W. N. Potter.....	700	90	790	700	90	790	.....	50	44	10	10	844	5	30	35	75	39
7	Letts.....	D. C. Bevan.....	800	120	920	812	120	932	.....	65	65	11	11	1008	20	.....	20	139	75
8	Lexington.....	A. M. Smith.....	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	50	50	8	8	783	16	.....	16	75	.....
9	Lone Tree.....	A. B. Hightshoe.....	758	100	858	758	100	858	.....	50	50	9	9	917	10	.....	10	100	50
10	Marengo.....	W. R. Stryker.....	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	70	70	12	12	1082	5	.....	5	208	85
11	Millersburg.....	L. A. Crull.....	400	36	436	420	36	456	.....	25	25	4	4	485	8	.....	8	58	40
12	Muscatine: First Church.....	J. W. Hackley.....	1250	250	1500	1250	250	1500	.....	160	160	32	32	1602	40	.....	40	1220	150
13	Park Avenue.....	Robt. D. Pool.....	200	.....	260	260	.....	260	.....	10	10	4	4	274	5	.....	5	68	30
14	Circuit.....	J. C. Kendrick.....	725	200	925	725	200	925	.....	70	70	11	11	1006	15	.....	15	200	160
15	Nichols.....	M. L. Sanders.....	520	.....	520	480	.....	480	40	40	40	6	6	526	8	.....	8	70	65
16	North English.....	J. R. Payne.....	700	100	800	660	100	760	40	44	40	12	10	810	4	.....	4	87	80
17	Oxford.....	W. C. Keeler.....	550	.....	550	550	.....	550	.....	40	40	6	5	595	10	.....	10	117	18
18	Riverside.....	H. N. Smith.....	700	100	800	508	100	603	197	50	40	9	7	650	5	.....	5	125	94
19	Sweetland.....	H. R. Osborne.....	650	70	720	650	70	720	.....	55	55	10	10	785	20	.....	20	75	90
20	Tiffin.....	W. C. Barclay.....	505	50	555	505	50	555	.....	44	44	6	6	605	5	.....	5	80	40
21	Victor.....	C. H. Montgomery.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	9	9	859	.....	16	16	150	134
22	Washington.....	W. G. Thorn.....	1200	200	1400	1200	200	1400	.....	140	140	25	25	1565	50	.....	50	734	238
23	Webster.....	W. H. Jones.....	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	60	60	10	10	795	11	.....	11	200	125
24	West Chester.....	C. R. Zimmerman.....	500	50	550	450	50	500	50	40	36	6	6	542	10	.....	10	40	30
25	Wellman.....	J. E. Newsome.....	800	125	925	800	125	925	.....	65	65	13	13	1003	16	.....	16	210	75
26	West Liberty.....	R. B. Schreckengast.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	65	65	13	13	1278	25	.....	25	125	60
27	Williamsburg.....	H. F. Pugh.....	700	125	825	700	125	825	.....	44	44	9	9	878	10	.....	10	75	.....
28	Wilton.....	J. F. Barnett.....	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	50	50	13	13	983	33	.....	33	180	40
Total.....			19284	2678	21962	18830	2678	21508	486	1575	1548	285	278	23334	371	48	419	4865	2050

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

1	Barnes City.....	W. C. VanScholack.....	600	100	700	565	100	665	35	55	55	7	7	727	9	.....	9	75	40
2	Beacon.....	G. H. Hanawalt.....	900	.....	900	867	.....	867	33	70	70	7	7	944	10	.....	10	155	75
3	Brooklyn.....	A. V. Kendrick.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	95	95	17	17	1262	27	.....	27	140	65
4	Deep River.....	D. Phillips.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	8	8	858	10	.....	10	80	30
5	Delta.....	D. R. Marth.....	505	.....	505	518	.....	518	.....	45	45	6	6	569	6	.....	6	85	65
6	Ewart.....	D. F. Stiles.....	500	60	560	500	60	560	.....	50	50	6	6	616	10	.....	10	75	53
7	Grinnell.....	J. E. Corley.....	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	105	105	20	20	1625	40	.....	40	375	75
8	Kellogg.....	Isaac Borts.....	510	60	600	490	60	550	50	65	60	8	6	616	12	.....	12	98	48
9	Lacey.....	W. A. Longnecker.....	650	100	750	550	100	650	100	60	50	9	8	708	10	.....	10	50	43
10	Lynnville.....	Richard Collier.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	55	55	9	9	664	7	.....	7	95	55

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

Number.....	NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUP'T OF PRESIDI'G ELDER.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops	CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.		CURRENT EXPENSES			
			CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Deficiencies	Amount Appor- tioned.....		Amount Paid.....	Amount Appor- tioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Rec'd fr'm	Total.....	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.	Sunday-school: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....
			Salary	House Rent...	Total.....	Salary	House Rent...	Total.....	Collections			Other Sources						
11	Malcom	A. W. Haines.....	\$780	\$150	930	\$705	\$150	\$855	\$75	\$65	\$63	\$8	\$7	\$925	\$8	\$8	\$100	\$60
12	Montezuma	E. C. Brooks.....	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120		90	90	16	18	1226	20	20	227	
13	Newton.....	C. V. Cowan.....	1120		1120	1130		1130		90	90	20	20	1240	35	35	450	186
14	Newton Circuit.....	E. Handy	825		825	842		842		70	70	11	11	923	25	25	180	96
15	New Sharon.....	I. P. Teter.....	800	150	950	800	150	950		75	75	14	14	1039	17	17	140	150
16	Oskaloosa: Central.....	M. Bamford.....	1500	270	1770	1500	270	1770		150	150	30	30	1950	50	50	1109	158
17	Circuit.....	A. J. Goode				33		33		10				33				
18	Pella	C. H. Westfall.....	575	100	675	575	100	675		35	35	7	7	717	10	10	85	75
19	Reasnor	D. S. Dunlavy	550	100	650	522	100	622	28	50	48	7	6	676	12	12	100	
20	Rose Hill.....	S. P. Souden	450	60	510	380	60	440	70	45	37	5	5	482	3	3	60	
21	Sonora	A. S. Loveall.....	900	100	1000	839	100	939	61	85	73	13	12	1024	15	15	150	40
22	Taintor	A. W. McBlain.....	300	35	335	318	35	353		45	45	6	6	404	13	13	42	69
23	Thornburg.....	J. A. Sinclair.....	700	100	800	520	100	620	180	60	51	8		671			243	100
24	What Cheer.....	W. N. Groome.....	700	120	820	700	120	820		60	60	8	8	888	9	9	150	80
	Total		17295	2275	19570	16754	2275	19029	632	1580	1522	250	236	20787	358	358	4264	1563

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

1	Agency.....	Thomas Osborn	800	150	950	800	150	950		80	80	12	12	1042	23	240	82
2	Albia	E. L. Schreiner	900	150	1050	900	150	1050		115	115	17	17	1182	25	300	110
3	Attica	W. A. Jackson.....	600	60	660	600	60	660		60	60	10	10	730	20	80	68
4	Blakesburg	F. B. Tucker	385		385	344		344	41	36	32	7	5	381	3	50	80
5	Brighton.....	W. B. Marsh.....	700	75	775	700	75	775		46	46	8	8	829	10	154	52
6	Cedar	H. C. Millice.....	650	50	700	614	50	664	36	66	62	10	9	735	16	120	31
7	Chillicothe	J. M. Hooper.....	600	60	660	559	60	619	41	65	60	10	9	688	17	150	
8	Durham	W. B. Ireland.....	400	45	445	374	45	419	26	48	45	8	7	471	9	100	20
9	Eddyville	J. E. Vanwinkle.....	600	150	750	600	150	750		46	46	7	7	803	5	150	75
10	Fremont.....	W. S. Gardner.....	700	100	800	585	100	685	115	50	48	8	7	785	10	125	50

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—CONTINUED.

11	Hedrick.....	Latham Ingham...	700	120	820	619	120	730	81	51	46	10	9	794	14	.....	14	97	62
12	Iconium and Melrose	E. L. Tennant.....	475	.....	475	444	.....	444	31	52	49	8	7	500	15	.....	15	90	61
13	Kirkville	J. C. Caughlan.....	710	120	830	710	120	830	.....	80	80	12	12	922	20	.....	20	180	78
14	Knoxville.....	J. W. Lambert.....	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	120	120	20	20	1440	35	.....	35	495	150
15	Lovilia	H. B. Scoles.....	600	50	650	602	50	652	.....	60	60	10	10	722	20	.....	20	175	85
16	Martinsburg.....	C. W. Wilson	530	70	600	530	70	600	.....	60	60	8	8	668	10	.....	10	100	60
17	Marysville.....	W. L. Fry	450	30	480	350	18	368	112	52	40	9	7	415	11	.....	11	.....	56
18	Moravia.....	C. R. Norton.....	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	56	56	10	10	886	18	.....	18	140	80
19	Ottumwa: First Church...	F. E. Brush.....	1800	400	2200	1800	400	2200	.....	152	152	26	26	2378	60	.....	60	1375	130
20	Main Street.....	J. W. Lewis.....	700	200	900	735	200	935	.....	43	43	7	7	985	.....	.....	.....	110	.....
21	Willard Street.....	W. H. Heppe	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	.....	50	50	10	10	1060	11	.....	11	109	70
22	Packwood	C. E. Coggeshall.....	600	100	700	525	100	625	75	60	53	10	9	687	5	.....	5	70	50
23	Pleasant Plain.....	W. H. Dillon	600	.....	600	519	.....	519	81	46	39	8	7	565	10	.....	10	100	.....
24	Richland.....	W. S. Moore	600	100	700	574	100	674	26	70	70	10	10	754	5	.....	5	107	60
25	Sigourney.....	E. J. Pike	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	60	60	10	10	900	8	.....	8	141	75
26	Tracy.....	H. A. Ingham.....	560	.....	560	560	.....	560	.....	48	48	8	8	616	10	.....	10	100	50
27	Unionville.....	A. C. Boyd.....	600	80	680	436	80	516	64	50	39	8	5	560	8	.....	8	80	50
Total.....			18660	2750	21410	17880	2788	20618	729	1722	1654	281	266	22538	398	.....	398	4038	1545

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

1	Burlington District.....	G. M. Tuttle, P. E...	19030	2692	21722	18875	2692	21567	215	1622	1609	268	261	23437	488	.....	488	4006	1724
2	Keokuk District.....	C. S. Cooper, P. E...	18080	2520	20600	17282	2520	19802	805	1745	1677	251	237	21716	322	.....	322	3383	1534
3	Muscatine District.....	J. C. W. Cox, P. E...	19288	2678	21966	18830	2678	21508	486	1575	1548	285	278	23334	371	48	410	4865	2050
4	Oskaloosa District.....	W. G. Wilson, P. E...	17205	2275	19480	16754	2275	19029	632	1580	1522	250	236	20787	358	.....	358	4264	1503
5	Ottumwa District.....	D. C. Smith, P. E...	18060	2750	21410	17880	2738	20618	729	1722	1654	281	266	22538	398	.....	398	4938	1545
Total, this year.....			92353	12915	105268	89021	12903	102524	2867	8244	8010	1335	1278	111812	1937	48	1985	21454	8416
Total, last year			91567	12943	104510	86565	12808	99463	5244	8188	7849	1357	1282	108596	1790	30	1820	21708	8537
Increase.....			986	.....	758	3056	5	3061	.....	56	161	.....	.....	3216	147	18	165	.....	.....
Decrease .....			.....	28	.....	.....	.....	2377	.....	.....	.....	22	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	254	121

PASTORAL SUPPORT FROM CHURCHES ON CIRCUITS.

STATISTICAL TABLE No. 5.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPOR- TIONED.	PAID.	DEFI- CIENCY.
Burlington,	Spring Grove,	\$160 00	\$160 00	.....
C. W. Powelson.	Union,	110 00	110 00	.....
	Shiloh,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Asbury,	220 00	220 00	.....
	Augusta,	110 00	110 00	.....
West Burlington, . . .	West Burlington, . . .	300 00	240 00	\$60 00
U. S. Smith.	Burke's Chapel, . . .	50 00	50 00	.....
Columbus City,	Columbus City,	139 00	139 00	.....
S. F. Bishop.	Cotter,	135 00	100 00	35 00
	Long Creek,	148 00	148 00	.....
	Prairie Chapel,	150 00	150 00	.....
Columbus Junction, . .	Columbus Junction, . .	730 00	730 00	.....
W. S. Kight.	Fredonia,	90 00	90 00	.....
Crawfordsville,	Crawfordsville,	400 00	400 00	.....
W. L. Clapp.	Wyman,	200 00	200 00	.....
Danville,	Danville,	400 00	400 00	.....
B. M. Boydston.	Long Creek,	400 00	400 00	.....
Hillsboro,	Hillsboro,	185 00	185 00	.....
P. H. McBeth.	Cedar,	62 50	62 50	.....
	Asbury,	120 00	120 00	.....
	Glasgow,	100 00	108 25	.....
	Epworth,	62 50	64 50	.....
Kossuth,	Kossuth,	200 00	173 00	27 00
J. W. Poor.	Northfield,	200 00	196 00	4 00
	Huron,	100 00	105 00	.....
Mt. Pleasant,	Prairie Gem,	223 00	223 00	.....
J. W. Fraker.	Wesley Chapel,	184 00	184 00	.....
	Pleasant Hill,	184 00	184 00	.....
	Beulah,	209 00	209 00	.....
Mt. Pleasant, West, . .	Highland,	100 00	117 00	.....
S. Thero.	Germanville,	50 00	60 00	.....
	Trenton,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Rome,	100 00	90 00	10 00
Mt. Union,	Mt. Union,	220 00	220 00	.....
G. F. Cannom.	Canaan,	180 00	193 00	.....
	Trinity,	205 00	205 00	.....
	Yarmouth,	95 00	95 00	.....
Morning Sun,	Morning Sun,	650 00	662 00	.....
A. E. Buriff.	Marsh,	150 00	119 00	31 00
New London,	New London,	460 00	460 00	.....
E. E. Doud.	Pleasant Grove,	90 00	58 00	32 00
	Asbury,	50 00	53 00	.....
Salina,	Salina,	115 00	101 00	14 00
J. H. Taylor.	Richwoods,	110 00	97 00	13 00
	Parsonville,	115 00	115 00	.....
	Bethesda,	110 00	110 00	.....

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIENCY.
Sperry,	Sperry,	\$100 00	\$113 00	.....
B. G. Hankins.	Franklin Mills, . . .	100 00	89 00	\$11 00
	Tamatown,	150 00	152 00	.....
	Howe Chapel,	100 00	75 00	25 00
Wapello,	Wapello,	505 00	505 00	.....
T. S. Pool.	Toolesboro,	155 00	155 00	.....
	Bethel,	140 00	140 00	.....
Wayland,	Wayland,	300 00	300 00	.....
G. Schlenker.	Finley,	165 00	165 00	.....
	Center,	120 00	120 00	.....
	Eureka,	115 00	115 00	.....
West Point,	West Point,	85 00	85 00	.....
A. M. Mahaffie.	Pitman Chapel, . . .	200 00	200 00	.....
	Clay Grove,	235 00	235 00	.....
	Pleasant Ridge, . . .	80 00	80 00	.....

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Batavia,	Batavia,	300 00	280 00	20 00
H. F. Gilbert.	Bladensberg,	185 00	155 00	25 00
	County Line,	115 00	110 00	5 00
Bentonsport,	Bentonsport,	135 00	135 00	.....
A. E. Thornley.	Utica,	220 00	220 00	.....
	Bonaparte,	140 00	140 00	.....
	Vernon,	105 00	75 00	30 00
Birmingham,	Birmingham,	450 00	450 00	.....
J. E. Wilkins.	Bethel,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Union,	100 00	100 00	.....
Cantril,	Cantril,	370 00	370 00	.....
S. W. Siberts.	Lebanon,	200 00	180 00	20 00
	Upton,	85 00	85 00	.....
	Home Prairie,	85 00	65 00	20 00
Cincinnati,	Cincinnati,	155 00	155 00	.....
G. W. Pool.	Numa,	100 00	53 00	47 00
	Simpson,	125 00	125 00	.....
	Wesley,	220 00	220 00	.....
Drakeville,	Drakeville,	230 00	230 00	.....
R. Weese.	Belknap,	110 00	93 00	17 00
	Ash Grove,	160 00	160 00	.....
Farmington,	Farmington,	400 00	371 00	29 00
G. W. Barber.	Prairie Chapel, . . .	175 00	121 00	54 00
	Croton,	50 00	50 00	.....
Keosauqua,	Center Chapel, . . .	200 00	200 00	.....
J. B. Eyestone.	Ward School-house, .	85 00	85 00	.....
	Mt. Sterling,	130 00	121 00	9 00
	Pittsburg,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Bethel,	85 00	62 00	23 00
Libertyville,	Libertyville,	400 00	400 00	.....
G. L. Minear.	Mt. Zion,	100 00	100 00	.....
Milton,	Milton,	800 00	800 00	.....
J. W. Potter.	Zion,	150 00	150 00	.....
Montrose,	Montrose,	210 00	210 00	.....
W. S. Shearer.	New Boston,	70 00	70 00	.....
	Charleston,	70 00	70 00	.....
	Galland,	50 00	50 00	.....

KEOKUK DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIENCY.
Mt. Zion,	Mt. Zion,	\$110 00	\$110 00	.....
E. S. Daly,	Kilbourne,	125 00	88 00	\$37 00
	White Chapel,	80 00	54 00	26 00
	Winchester,	70 00	55 00	15 00
	Millers Chapel,	65 00	28 00	37 00
Mystic,	Mystic,	400 00	365 00	35 00
R. Breeden.	Brazil,	125 00	125 00	.....
	Plano,	125 00	115 00	10 00
	Jerome,	125 00	120 00	5 00
	Walnut City,	25 00	25 00	.....
Pulaski,	Pulaski,	350 00	318 00	32 00
E. J. Smith.	Stiles,	150 00	150 00	.....
	Round Grove,	140 00	105 00	35 00
Salem,	Salem,	220 00	222 00	.....
J. W. Carson.	Cottonwood,	215 00	161 00	54 00
	Donaldson,	150 00	150 00	.....
	Wesley Chapel,	65 00	65 00	.....
Selma,	Selma,	150 00	150 00	.....
B. F. Shane.	Mt. Moriah,	170 00	170 00	.....
	Douds Station,	115 00	115 00	.....
	Zion,	110 00	110 00	.....
	Leando,	105 00	78 00	27 00
Troy,	Troy,	125 00	106 00	19 00
W. M. Erskine.	Bethel,	149 00	110 00	39 00
	Oak Hill,	80 00	62 00	18 00
	Wesley Chapel,	88 00	88 50	.....
	Star,	58 00	52 00	6 00
West Grove,	Wesley Chapel,	222 00	219 00	3 00
E. J. Shook.	Bethel,	199 00	199 00	.....
	Zion,	87 00	87 00	.....
	Pella,	105 00	115 00	.....

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Amish,	Pleasant Hill,	210 00	210 00	.....
A. Telfer.	Bethel,	117 00	117 00	.....
	Franklin,	103 00	103 00	.....
	Champion Hill,	131 00	131 00	.....
Blue Grass,	Blue Grass,	160 00	152 00	8 00
W. W. Williams.	Buffalo,	170 00	129 00	41 00
	Jamestown,	85 00	73 00	12 00
	Montpelier,	85 00	85 00	.....
Kalona,	Kalona,	360 00	365 00	.....
D. G. Abbott.	Hummer,	110 00	113 00	.....
	Sharon,	100 00	92 00	8 00
	Richmond,	40 00	40 00	.....
Koszta,	Koszta,	250 00	185 00	65 00
G. W. Byrkit.	Summit,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Walnut,	150 00	115 00	35 00
Ladora,	Ladora,	600 00	600 00	.....
W. N. Potter.	Zion,	100 00	100 00	.....
Lexington,	Lexington,	500 00	500 00	.....
A. M. Smith.	Pilotsburg,	150 00	150 00	.....
Lone Tree,	Lone Tree,	552 00	552 00	.....
A. B. Hightshoe.	Pleasant Valley,	100 00	100 00	.....
	River Junction,	106 00	106 00	.....

MUSCATINE DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPOR- TIONED.	PAID.	DEFI- CIENCY.
Millersburg,	Millersburg,	\$250 00	\$250 00	.....
L. A. Crull.	Hope Chapel,	150 00	170 00	.....
North English,	North English,	625 00	602 00	\$23 00
J. R. Payne.	Yankee Point,	131 00	108 00	23 00
Nichols,	Nichols,	200 00	184 00	16 00
M. L. Sanders.	Cedar Valley,	120 00	106 00	14 00
	Coneville,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Oakland,	100 00	89 00	11 00
Riverside,	Riverside,	300 00	225 00	75 00
H. N. Smith.	Pleasant Plains,	350 00	275 00	25 00
	Fairview,	50 00	3 00	47 00
Sweetland,	Sweetland,	350 00	350 00	.....
H. R. Osborne.	Pleasant Prairie,	135 00	135 00	.....
	North Prairie,	115 00	115 00	.....
	Moscow,	112 00	112 00	.....
Victor,	Victor,	350 00	350 00	.....
C. H. Montgomery.	Guerusey,	325 00	325 00	.....
	Carnforth,	25 00	25 00	.....
Webster,	Webster,	285 00	285 00	.....
W. H. Jones.	Keswick,	80 00	80 00	.....
	South English,	130 00	130 00	.....
	Kinross,	155 00	155 00	.....
Wellman,	Wellman,	750 00	750 00	.....
J. E. Newsome.	Bunker Hill,	50 00	50 00	.....
Tiffin,	Tiffin,	277 00	277 00	.....
W. C. Barclay.	North Liberty,	105 00	105 00	.....
	Greencastle,	62 00	62 00	.....
	Coralville,	60 00	60 00	.....

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Barnes City,	Barnes City,	200 00	200 00	.....
W. C. Van Schoiack.	Beulah,	150 00	150 00	.....
	Spring Valley,	150 00	150 00	.....
	Bethel,	100 00	65 00	35 00
Beacon,	Beacon,	350 00	310 00	40 00
G. H. Hanawalt.	Riverside,	125 00	104 00	21 00
	Given,	125 00	125 00	.....
	Leighton, . . . . .	... ..	28 00	.....
Deep River,	Deep River,	535 00	535 00	.....
D. Phillips.	Pleasant Ridge,	165 00	165 00	.....
Delta,	Delta,	280 00	280 00	.....
D. R. Martin.	Springfield,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Kendrick Chapel,	75 00	88 00	.....
	Newkirk,	50 00	50 00	.....
Ewart,	Ewart,	325 00	325 00	.....
D. F. Stiles.	Blue Point,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Forest Home,	75 00	75 00	.....
Kellogg,	Kellogg,	160 00	150 00	10 00
Isaac Borts.	Rushville,	160 00	160 00	.....
	Mt. Pleasant,	130 00	130 00	.....
	Pleasant Chapel,	90 00	50 00	40 00
Lacey,	Lacey,	225 00	225 00	.....
W. A. Longnecker.	Fairview,	125 00	123 00	2 00
	Centenary,	100 00	70 00	30 00
	Madison,	125 00	112 00	13 00
	Greenwood,	75 00	18 00	57 00

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPORTIONED.	PAID.	DEFICIENCY.
Lynnville,	Lynnville,	\$130 00	\$130 00	.....
Richard Collier.	Bethel,	200 00	200 00	... ..
	Searsboro,	110 00	110 00	.....
	Salem,	60 00	60 00	.....
Malcom,	Malcom,	515 00	450 00	\$65 00
A. W. Haynes.	Fairmount,	265 00	255 00	10 00
Newton Circuit,	Pleasant View,	247 00	256 00	.....
Elias Handy.	Mt. Zion,	247 00	254 00	.....
	Grace Chapel,	165 00	167 00	.....
	Killduff,	165 00	165 00	.....
Pella,	Pella,	575 00	575 00	.....
C. H. Westfall.	Baker School-house, . .	.....	50 00	.....
	Richardson, . . . . .	.....	62 00	.....
Reasnor,	Reasnor,	240 00	240 00	.....
D. S. Dunlavy.	Galesburg,	70 00	45 00	25 00
	Tools Chapel,	180 00	180 00	.....
	Otley,	60 00	57 00	3 00
Sonora,	Sonora,	300 00	300 00	.....
A. S. Loveall.	Sheridan,	300 00	265 00	35 00
	Madison,	300 00	274 00	.....
Taintor,	Taintor,	80 00	80 00	.....
A. W. McBlain.	Granville,	90 00	93 00	.....
	Peoria,	65 00	80 00	.....
	Garden Hall,	65 00	65 00	.....
Thornburg,	Thornburg,	400 00	270 00	130 00
J. A. Sinclair.	Coal Creek,	140 00	140 00	.....
	Tilton,	160 00	110 00	50 00

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Agency,	Agency,	614 00	614 00	.....
Thos. Osborn.	Ashland,	278 00	278 00	.....
Albia,	Albia,	900 00	900 00	.....
E. L. Schreiner.	Gimes,	40 00	40 00	.....
Attica,	Attica,	188 00	188 00	.....
W. A. Jackson.	Wesley,	188 00	188 00	.....
	Zion,	188 00	188 00	.....
	Beulah,	108 00	108 00	.....
Blakesburg,	Blakesburg,	85 00	94 00	.....
F. B. Tucker.	Prairie Chapel,	125 00	125 00	.....
	Miller Ridge,	100 00	100 00	.....
	Foster,	75 00	25 00	50 00
Cedar,	Cedar,	430 00	434 00	.....
H. C. Millice.	Fairview,	160 00	131 00	29 00
	White Oak,	140 00	120 00	20 00
Chillicothe,	Chillicothe,	173 00	173 00	.....
J. M. Hooper.	Columbia,	173 00	173 00	.....
	Christiansburg,	163 00	161 00	2 00
	Avery,	163 00	120 00	43 00
Durham,	Durham,	85 00	85 00	.....
W. B. Ireland.	Asbury,	164 00	164 00	.....
	Flagler,	85 00	85 00	.....
	Washington,	125 00	93 00	32 00
Eddyville,	Eddyville,	435 00	435 00	.....
J. E. Vanwinkle.	Hayden,	117 00	117 00	.....
	Grey's Creek,	101 00	101 00	.....

OTTUMWA DISTRICT—CONTINUED.

CIRCUIT AND PASTOR.	APPOINTMENTS.	APPOR- TIONED.	PAID.	DEFI- CIENCY.
Fremont,	Fremont,	\$560 00	\$452 00	\$8 00
W. S. Gardner.	Russell Chapel, . . .	198 00	168 00	30 00
Hedrick,	Hedrick,	580 00	519 00	61 00
L. Ingham.	Highland Center, . .	181 00	154 00	26 00
Iconium and Melrose, .	Melrose,	224 00	224 00	.....
Edgar L. Tennant.	Iconium,	224 00	224 00	.....
	Fairview,	87 00	52 00	35 00
Kirkville,	Kirkville,	622 00	622 00	.....
J. C. Coughlan.	Salem,	180 00	180 00	.....
Lovilia,	Lovilia,	186 00	186 00	.....
H. B. Scoles,	Hamilton,	86 00	82 00	6 00
	Bussey,	119 00	119 00	.....
	Union Chapel, . . .	133 00	133 00	.....
	Salem,	148 00	152 00	.....
Martinsburg,	Martinsburg, . . .	222 00	222 00	.....
C. W. Wilson.	Mt. Zion,	91 00	91 00	.....
	Hayesville,	55 00	55 00	.....
	Pekin,	222 00	222 00	.....
Marysville,	Marysville,	200 00	166 00	34 00
Wm. L. Fry.	Eldorado,	140 00	110 00	30 00
	Eden,	70 00	70 00	.....
	Oakdale,	100 00	51 00	49 00
Moravia,	Moravia,	513 00	513 00	.....
C. R. Norton.	Wesley,	153 00	153 00	.....
	Hilton,	98 00	98 00	.....
Packwood,	Packwood,	252 00	252 00	.....
Chas. Coggeshall.	Brookville,	168 00	140 00	28 00
	Center,	140 00	110 00	30 00
	Abingdon,	110 00	85 00	25 00
Pleasant Plain, . . .	Pleasant Plain, . .	268 00	239 00	28 00
W. H. Dillon.	Black Hawk,	80 00	80 00	.....
	Pleasant Grove, . .	188 00	178 00	10 00
	Prairie Chapel, . .	120 00	68 00	52 00
Richland,	Kingsley,	170 00	154 00	16 00
W. S. Moore.	Richland,	255 00	255 00	.....
	McDowell,	255 00	255 00	.....
Tracy,	Tracy,	212 00	212 00	.....
H. A. Ingham.	Bethel,	165 00	165 00	.....
	Salem,	122 00	122 00	.....
	McClintock,	112 00	112 00	.....
Unionville,	Unionville,	343 00	284 00	59 00
A. C. Boyd.	Salem,	136 00	72 00	64 00
	Beulah,	179 00	122 00	57 00

VII.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?* None.
2. *Who have been Readmitted?* None.
3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?* None.
4. *Who have been Received on Trial?* (a) In studies of first year: Andrew J. Good, Frank I. Poage, James B. Eyestone, James W. Caldwell. (b) In studies of third year: None.
5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?* (a) In studies of first year: Wilford C. Keeler, Paul H. McBeth, Edgar L. Tennant. (b) In studies of second year: Robert D. Pool, Marion L. Sanders, Benjamin G. Hankins. (c) In studies of third year: Walter W. Williams. (d) In studies of fourth year: Wm. H. Perdew, Hiram T. Robinson.
6. *Who have been Discontinued?* Horace S. Wiley, William E. Snyder.
7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?* (a) Elected and ordained deacons this year: George H. Hanawalt, Alexander W. McBlain, John H. Taylor, Frederick B. Tucker, Daniel R. Martin. (b) Elected and ordained deacons previously: None.
8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?* (a) Admitted into full membership this year: George H. Hanawalt, Alexander W. McBlain, John H. Taylor, Frederick B. Tucker, Daniel R. Martin, George Schlenker. (b) Admitted into full membership previously: Wm. L. Fry, J. M. Hooper.
9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?* Wade C. Barclay, Albert M. Mahaffie, William S. Shearer, George L. Minear, Wm. L. Fry, Hiram T. Robinson, Edward J. Smith, Wm. H. Perdew.
10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?* (a) Elected and ordained elders this year: Hardy A. Ingham, Wm. H. Dillon, Charles E. Coggeshall, Harry R. Osborne, Harry B. Scoles, John W. Pool, James E. Vanwinkle. (b) Elected and ordained elders previously: None.
11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?* (a) As local preachers: Harry C. Druse, Andrew J. Good. (b) Under missionary rule: None.
12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?* (a) As local deacons: None. (b) Under missionary rule: None.
13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* Yes. This was strictly done.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?* F. C. Demorest, a probationer of third year, to Central Illinois Conference.
15. *Who have died?* C. W. Shepherd, J. W. Lewis, W. F. Mair, Richard B. Allender, J. T. Coleman.
16. *Who have been Located at their own Request?* Isaac Borts, Geo. B. Swartz.
17. *Who have been Located?* None.
18. *Who have Withdrawn?* None.
19. *Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?* Isaiah A. Bradrick.
20. *Who have been Expelled?* None.
21. *What other Personal Notation should be Made?* None.
22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* Banner Mørk, F. W. Evans, W. C. Shippen, W. J. Spaulding, J. T. Simmons, J. S. Ferguson, I. N. Busby, John Davis, John Potter, A. Latimer, J. H. Armacost, H. C. Ethell, J. G. Barton, C. E. Corkhill, J. J. Beckham, W. A. Jackson.
23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* Anthony Robinson, E. H. Waring, Harrison Runyan, Michael See, O. P. Light, W. F. Cowles, J. B. Hill, J. B. Hardy, A. W. Stryker, J. G. Thompson, Jesse Craig, S. H. Thomas, Nelson Wells, James Haynes, Warren A. Phelps, W. N. Hall.
24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?* G. W. Pool, W. R. Stryker, Elias Handy, J. E. Corley, C. W. Powelson, C. W. Wilson, J. W. Lambert.
25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?* See statistical tables.
26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as Reported by the Conference Treasurer?* \$28,564.
27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* Effective preachers: Nothing. Superannuates and widows, \$7,000.
28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?* Received \$2,948.80, applied \$2,817.80.
29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?* See Appointments.
30. *Where shall the next Conference be Held?* Burlington, Iowa, First Church.

VIII.

APPOINTMENTS.

NOTE.—The figures denote the number of years in present appointment

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

G. M. TUTTLE, *Presiding Elder*, 3.—Post-office, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Ainsworth—George Filmer,	2
Burlington, First Church—R. F. Hurlburt,	3
“ Grace—W. H. Mahaffie,	2
“ West—H. F. Gilbert,	1
“ Circuit—C. W. Powelson,	2
Columbus City—S. F. Bishop,	2
Columbus Junction—W. S. Kight,	2
Crawfordsville—W. L. Clapp,	3
Danville—B. M. Boydston,	2
Fort Madison, First Church—J. C. Willits,	5
“ “ Sante Fe Avenue—J. M. Coates,	2
Hillsboro— <i>P. H. McBeth</i> ,	2
Kossuth—J. W. Pool,	2
Mediapolis—M. J. Pusey,	3
Morning Sun—A. E. Buriff,	2
Mt. Pleasant, First Church—W. P. Stoddard,	5
“ Circuit—J. W. Fraker,	2
“ West Circuit—E. J. Shook,	1
Mt. Union—W. B. Ireland,	1
New London—E. E. Doud,	2
Salina— <i>J. H. Taylor</i> ,	2
Sperry— <i>B. G. Hankins</i> ,	2
Wapello—T. S. Pool,	4
Wayland—G. F. Cannom,	1
West Point— <i>A. M. Mahaffie</i> ,	4
Winfield—John Hanks,	2

C. L. Stafford, President, and T. J. Myers, Treasurer, of Iowa Wesleyan University; members of First Church, Mt. Pleasant, Quarterly Conference.

Samuel Thero, U. S. Smith, *H. T. Robinson*, members of First Church, Mt. Pleasant, Quarterly Conference.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

C. S. COOPER *Presiding Elder*, 2.—Post-office, Fairfield, Iowa.

Batavia—A. E. Thornley,	1
Bentonsport— <i>E. J. Smith</i> ,	1
Birmingham—J. E. Wilkins,	2
Bloomfield—T. B. Hughes,	3
Cantril—S. W. Siberts,	2
Centerville—E. C. Brooks,	1
Cincinnati—J. A. Sinclair,	1
Drakeville—Renix Weese,	3
Eldon—T. F. Barker,	3
Exline—To be supplied, . . . . .	...
Fairfield—I. O. Kemble,	1
Farmington—G. W. Barber,	2
Keokuk, Chatham Square—J. A. Boatman,	1
“ First Church—W. S. Gardner,	1
Keosauqua—R. L. Patterson,	1
Keosauqua Circuit— <i>J. B. Eyestone</i> ,	2
Libertyville— <i>J. W. Caldwell</i> ,	1
Milton—J. W. Potter,	3
Montrose—To be supplied by E. P. Meagher,	1
Moulton—W. R. Jeffrey, Jr.,	4
Mt. Zion—E. S. Daly,	2
Mystic—Richard Collier,	1
Pulaski—H. C. Millice,	1
Salem—J. W. Carson,	2
Selma—B. F. Shane,	4
Troy—W. M. Erskine,	3
West Grove—G. W. Pool,	1

W. H. Perdue, member of Chatham Square Quarterly Conference, and *G. L. Minear*, member of Libertyville Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

J. C. W. COXE, *Presiding Elder*, 4.—Post-office, Washington, Iowa.

Amish—Richard Breeden,	1
Blue Grass—To be supplied, . . . . .	...
Kalona—D. G. Abbott,	2
Keota—W. C. Chew,	3
Koszta—To be supplied, . . . . .	...
Ladora—F. W. Adams,	1
Letts—D. C. Bevan,	3
Lexington—A. M. Smith,	5
Lone Tree—H. F. Pugh,	1
Marengo—W. R. Stryker,	4
Millersburg—To be supplied . . . . .	...

Muscatine, First Church—J. W. Hackley,	3
“ Park Avenue— <i>R. D. Pool</i> ,	2
“ Circuit—C. H. Montgomery,	1
Nichols—To be supplied, . . . . .	...
North English—J. R. Payne,	3
Oxford— <i>W. C. Barclay</i> ,	1
Riverside—H. N. Smith,	3
Sweetland—H. R. Osborne,	2
Tiffin—To be supplied, . . . . .	...
Washington—W. G. Thorn,	5
Webster—W. H. Jones,	3
West Chester—G. W. Byrkit,	1
Wellman—J. E. Newsome,	3
West Liberty—I. B. Schreckengast,	4
Williamsburg—E. J. Pike,	1
Wilton—J. F. Barnett,	5

W. W. Williams, member of Letts Quarterly Conference; *W. C. Keeler*, member of Oxford Quarterly Conference; *J. M. McClelland*, member of Sweetland Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

W. G. WILSON, *Presiding Elder*, 3.—Post-office, Grinnell, Iowa.

Barnes City—W. C. Van Schoiack,	1
Beacon—George Schlenker,	1
Brooklyn—A. V. Kendrick,	3
Deep River—David Phillips,	3
Delta— <i>G. H. Hanawalt</i> ,	1
Evans— <i>F. J. Poage</i> ,	1
Ewart—D. F. Stiles,	3
Grinnell—J. E. Corley,	3
Kellogg— <i>D. R. Martin</i> ,	1
Lacey—W. A. Longnecker,	3
Lynnville—A. C. Boyd,	1
Malcom—A. W. Haines,	2
Montezuma—P. J. Henness,	1
Newton—C. V. Cowan,	4
Newton Circuit—Elias Handy,	3
New Sharon—I. P. Teter,	2
Oskaloosa, Central Church—Morris Bamford,	5
Pella—J. C. Kendrick,	1
Reasnor—D. S. Dunlavy,	2
Rose Hill— <i>A. W. McBlain</i> ,	1
Sonora—A. S. Loveall,	2
Taintor— <i>A. J. Good</i> ,	1
Thornburg—C. H. Westfall,	1
Victor—C. R. Zimmerman,	1
What Cheer—W. N. Groome,	2

C. F. Williams, State Organizer Anti-saloon League, member of Newton Quarterly Conference.

M. L. Sanders, member of New Sharon Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

D. C. SMITH, *Presiding Elder*, 6.—Post-office, Albia, Iowa.

Agency—Thomas Osborn,	3
Albia—E. L. Schreiner,	4
Attica—W. N. Potter,	1
Blakesburg—To be supplied, . . . . .	...
Brighton—W. B. Marsh,	2
Cedar—H. B. Scoles,	1
Chillicothe— <i>J. M. Hooper</i> ,	2
Durham—W. S. Shearer,	1
Eddyville—J. E. Vanwinkle,	2
Fremont—C. L. Tennant,	1
Hedrick—Latham Ingham,	2
Iconium and Melrose— <i>E. L. Tennant</i> ,	2
Kirkville—J. C. Caughlan,	2
Knoxville—J. W. Lambert,	3
Lovilia—C. W. Wilson,	1
Martinsburg—W. H. Dillon,	1
Marysville—To be supplied, . . . . .	...
Moravia—C. R. Norton,	2
Ottumwa, First Church—F. E. Brush,	3
“ Main Street— <i>F. B. Tucker</i> ,	1
“ Willard Street—W. H. Heppe,	2
Packwood—Chas. E. Coggeshall,	2
Pleasant Plain— <i>W. L. Fry</i> ,	1
Richland—W. S. Moore,	4
Sigourney—A. B. Hightshoe,	1
Tracy—H. A. Ingham,	3
Unionville—S. P. Souden,	1

U. B. Smith, Assistant State Superintendent of the Iowa Children's Home Society, member of First Church, Ottumwa, Quarterly Conference.

W. F. Gilmore, member of Kirkville Quarterly Conference, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

IX.

IOWA CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD.

1898-1899.

Number	NAMES.	Relation	ENTERED ITINERANCY.		Entered Iowa Conference...	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	
			CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.	When		TOWN.	COUNTY.
1	Abbott, David G. . . .	E	Iowa	1895	..	Kalona	Washington.
2	Adams, Frank W. . . .	E	"	1881	..	Ladora	Iowa.
3	Armocost, James H. . .	Sy	Kentucky	1882	1884		
4	Bamford, Morris	E	Iowa	1871	..	Oskaloosa . . .	Mahaska.
5	Barber, Geo. W.	E	"	1893	..	Farmington . .	Van Buren.
6	Barclay, Wade C. . . .	E	"	1893	..	Oxford	Johnsoun.
7	Barker, Thomas F. . . .	E	"	1890	..	Eldon	Wapello.
8	Barnett, John F.	E	"	1884	..	Wilton	Muscatine.
9	Barton, James G.	Sy	"	1868	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
10	Beckham, James J. . . .	Sy	Arkansas	1888	1892	Kirkville, Mo.	
11	Bevan, D. C.	E	Iowa	1871	..	Letts	Louisa.
12	Bishop, S. F.	E	"	1878	..	Columbus City.	Louisa.
13	Boatman, J. A.	E	Kentucky	1870	1883	Keokuk	Lee.
14	Boyd, Alexander C. . . .	E	Iowa	1889	..	Lynnville . . .	Jasper.
15	Boydston, Boaz M. . . .	E	"	1880	..	Danville	Des Moines.
16	Breeden, Richard	E	"	1888	..	Amish	Johnson.
17	Bridges, John	E	"	1889	..		
18	Brooks, Edward C. . . .	E	Colorado	1870	1887	Centerville . .	Appanoose.
19	Brush, Frank E.	E	Upper Iowa . . .	1877	1896	Ottumwa	Wapello.
20	Buriff, Arthur E.	E	Iowa	1890	..	Morning Sun . .	Louisa.
21	Busby, Isaac N.	Sy	"	1868	..	Brooklyn	Poweshiek.
22	Byrkit, George W.	E	"	1857	..	West Chester . .	Washington
23	Caldwell, J. W.	E	"	1898	1898	Libertyville . .	Jefferson.
24	Cannom, George F. . . .	E	Bible Christian . .	1882	1884	Wayland	Henry.
25	Carson, John W.	E	Iowa	1890	..	Salem	Henry.
26	Caughlan, John C. . . .	E	"	1888	..	Kirkville	Wapello.
27	Chew, Wm. C.	E	Austin	1885	1887	Keota	Keokuk.
28	Clapp, Wm. L.	E	Iowa	1893	..	Crawfordsville.	Washington.
29	Coates, James M.	E	"	1860	..	Ft. Madison . .	Lee.
30	Coggeshall, Charles F. .	E	"	1893	..	Packwood	Jefferson.
31	Collier, Richard	E	Prim. Methodist .	1867	1889	Mystic	Appanoose.
32	Cooper, Charles S. . . .	E	Missouri	1869	1890	Fairfield	Jefferson.
33	Corkhill, Charles E. . .	Sy	Iowa	1886	..	Oskaloosa . . .	Mahaska.
34	Corley, Joseph E.	E	"	1871	..	Grinnell	Poweshiek.
35	Cowan, Clarence V. . . .	E	"	1880	..	Newton	Jasper.
36	Cowles, W. F.	Sd	Michigan	1843	1851	Burlington . . .	Des Moines.
37	Coxe, J. C. W.	E	Vermont	1864	1874	Washington . .	Washington.
38	Craig, Jesse	Sd	Pittsburg	1845	1855	Pueblo, Colo.	
39	Daly, Eugene S.	E	Iowa	1875	..	Mt. Zion	Van Buren.
40	Davis, John	Sy	New Connection . .	1869	1871	Nashville, Ill.	
41	Dillon, W. H.	E	Iowa	1894	..	Martinsburg . .	Keokuk.
42	Doud, Edward E.	E	"	1885	..	New London . .	Henry.
43	Dunlavy, D. S.	E	St. Louis	1880	1885	Reasnor	Jasper.
44	Erskine, W. M.	E	Iowa	1890	..	Troy	Davis.
45	Ethell, Henry C.	Sy	"	1890	..	Floris	Davis.
46	Evans, Frank W.	Sy	"	1851	..	Des Moines . . .	Polk.
47	Eyestone, Jas. B.	E	"	1898	1898	Keosauqua . . .	Van Buren.
48	Ferguson, John S.	Sy	"	1865	..	Keokuk	Lee.
49	Filmer, George	E	New York East . .	1874	1891	Ainsworth . . .	Washington.
50	Fraker, J. W.	E	Iowa	1884	..	Mt. Pleasant . .	Henry.
51	Fry, William L.	E	"	1895	..	Pleasant Plain .	Jefferson.
52	Gardner, Winfield S. . .	E	"	1882	..	Keokuk	Lee.
53	Gilbert, Hiram F.	E	"	1893	..	W. Burl ngtou.	Des Moines.
54	Gilmore, Wm. F.	E	"	1894	..	Roston, Mass.	
55	Good, Andrew J.	E	"	1898	1898	Taintor	Mahaska.
56	Groome, Wm. N.	E	"	1874	..	What Cheer . . .	Keokuk.
57	Hackley, John W.	E	"	1882	..	Muscatine . . .	Muscatine.
58	Haines, Aaron W.	E	"	1869	..	Malcom	Poweshiek.

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59	Hall, W. N.	Sy	N'thwest Indiana	1873	1880		
60	Hanawalt, G. H. . . .	E	Iowa	1896		Delta	Keokuk.
61	Handy, Elias	E	"	1890		Newton	Jasper.
62	Hankins, Benj. G. . .	E	"	1897		Sperry	Des Moines.
63	Hanks, John	E	"	1889		Winfield	Henry.
64	Hardy, Joshua B. . .	Sd	Rock River	1842	1844	Brooklyn	Poweshiek.
65	Haynes, James	Sd	Iowa	1855		Omaha	
66	Hennessey, Peter J. .	E	"	1887		Montezuma . . .	Poweshiek.
67	Heppe, Wm. H.	E	St. Louis German	1890	1893	Ottumwa	Wapello.
68	Hightshoe, Arthur B. .	E	Iowa	1889		Sigourney	Keokuk.
69	Hill, John B.	Sd	West Virginia . . .	1852	1857	Agency	Wapello.
70	Hoober, Jacob M. . . .	E	Iowa	1890		Chillicothe . . .	Wapello.
71	Hughes, T. B.	E	West Virginia . . .	1857	1886	Bloomfield . . .	Davis.
72	Hurlburt, R. F. . . .	E	Upper Iowa	1882	1896	Burlington . . .	Des Moines.
73	Ingham, Hardy A. . . .	E	Iowa	1894		Tracy	Marion.
74	Ingham, Latham . . .	E	Nebraska		1890	Hedrick	Keokuk.
75	Ireland, W. B.	E	Iowa	1893		Mt. Union	Henry.
76	Jackson, Warren A. . .	E	"	1892		Attica	Marion.
77	Jeffrey, Wm. R. . . .	E	"	1893		Moulton	Appanoose.
78	Jones, Wm. H.	E	"	1887		Webster	Keokuk.
79	Keeler, Wilford C. . .	E	"	1897		Oxford	Johnson.
80	Kemble, Ira O.	E	"	1865		Fairfield	Jefferson.
81	Kendrick, A. V.	E	"	1873		Brooklyn	Poweshiek.
82	Kendrick, John C. . .	E	"	1869		Pella	Mahaska.
83	Kight, Winfield S. . .	E	"	1884		Columbus Junco	Louisa.
84	Lambert, J. W.	E	West Virginia . . .	1877	1885	Knoxville	Marion.
85	Latimer, A.	Sy	Illinois	1871	1879		
86	Light, Oliver P. . . .	Sd	"	1852	1867		
87	Longnecker, W. A. . .	E	Iowa	1892		Lacey	Mahaska.
88	Loveall, A. S.	E	West Virginia . . .	1879	1886	Sonora	Poweshiek.
89	Mahaffie, W. H.	E	Puget Sound		1893	Mt. Pleasant . .	Henry.
90	Mahaffie, Albert M. . .	E	Iowa	1894		West Point . . .	Lee.
91	Mark, Banner	Sy	Ohio	1846	1860	Los Angeles . . .	
92	Marsh, Waldo B. . . .	E	S. W. Kansas	1877	1891	Brighton	Washington.
93	Martin, D. R.	E	Iowa	1896		Kellogg	Jasper.
94	McBeth, Paul H. . . .	E	"	1895		Hillsboro	Henry.
95	McBlain, Alexander W. .	E	"	1896		Rose Hill	Mahaska.
96	McClelland, John M. .	E	"	1892			
97	Millice, Henry C. . . .	E	"	1885		Pulaski	Davis.
98	Minear, George L. . . .	E	"	1894		Boston, Mass. . .	
99	Montgomery, Chas. H. .	E	"	1873		Muscatine	Muscatine.
100	Moore, W. S.	E	"	1890		Richland	Keokuk.
101	Myers, Thomas J. . . .	E	"	1869		Mt. Pleasant . .	Henry.
102	Newsome, J. E.	E	"	1888		Wellman	Washington.
103	Norton, Charles R. . . .	E	"	1872		Moravia	Appanoose.
104	Osborne, H. R.	E	Missouri	1892	1896	Sweetland	Muscatine.
105	Osborn, Thomas	E	Iowa	1889		Agency	Wapello.
106	Patterson, Ralph L. . .	E	Illinois	1882	1884	Keosauqua	Van Buren.
107	Payne, J. R.	E	Iowa	1888		North English . .	Iowa.
108	Perdew, William H. . .	E	"	1894		Boston	
109	Phelps, Warren A. . . .	E	Genesee	1884	1892	El Paso, Tex. . .	
110	Phillips, David	E	Iowa	1890		Deep River . . .	Poweshiek.
111	Pike, Elias J.	E	"	1868		Williamsburg . .	Iowa.
112	Poage, Frank I.	E	"	1898	1898	Evans	Mahaska.
113	Pool, J. W.	E	"	1894		Kossuth	Des Moines.
114	Pool, George W.	E	Methodist Prot'st	1885	1889	West Grove	Davis.
115	Pool, Robert D.	E	Iowa	1897		Muscatine	Muscatine.
116	Pool, Thomas S.	E	"	1887		Wapello	Louisa.
117	Potter, John	Sy	"	1870		Lynnville	Jasper.
118	Potter, John W.	E	"	1887		Milton	Van Buren.
119	Potter, Wm. N.	E	"	1883		Attica	Marion.
120	Powelson, Chas. W. . .	E	"	1886		Burlington	Des Moines.
121	Pugh, Henry F.	E	"	1873		Lone Tree	Johnson.
122	Pusey, Morris J.	E	"	1887		Mediapolis	Des Moines.
123	Robinson, Anthony . . .	Sd	Indiana	1836	1857	Ottumwa	Wapello.
124	Robinson, Hiram T. . .	E	Iowa	1894		Boston, Mass. . .	
125	Runyan, Harrison . . .	Sd	"	1860		Sidney	Fremont.
126	Sanders, Marion L. . . .	E	"	1897		Mt. Pleasant . .	Henry.
127	Schlenker, George . . .	E	"	1891		Ewart	Poweshiek.
128	Schreckengast, I. B. . .	E	"	1888		West Liberty . . .	Muscatine.

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129	Schreiner, Edwin L. . .	E	Iowa	1865	..	Albia	Monroe.
130	Scoles, Harry B. . . .	E	"	1894	..	Cedar.	Mahaska.
131	See, Michael	Sd	"	1845	..	Mediapolis . .	Des Moines.
132	Shane, Benjamin F. . .	E	"	1869	..	Selma	Van Buren.
133	Shearer, Wm. S. . . .	E	"	1895	..	Durham	Marion.
134	Shippen, Wm. C. . . .	Sy	"	1852	..		
135	Shook, Ed. J.	E	"	1893	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
136	Siberts, S. W.	E	"	1875	..	Cantril	Van Buren.
137	Simmons, John T. . . .	Sy	"	1856	..	Ottumwa	Wapello.
138	Sinclair, James A. . . .	E	"	1884	..	Cincinnati, . .	Appanoose.
139	Smith, Andrew M. . . .	E	"	1889	..	Lexington . . .	Washington.
140	Smith, David C.	E	"	1864	..	Albia	Monroe.
141	Smith, Edward J. . . .	E	St. Louis German.	1895	1897	Benton sport .	Van Buren.
142	Smith, Herman N. . . .	E	Iowa	1888	..	Riverside . . .	Washington.
143	Smith, Ulysses S. . . .	E	"	1892	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
144	Smith, Uriah B.	E	"	1867	..	Ottumwa	Wapello.
145	Souden, S. P.	E	"	1885	1896	Unionville . .	Appanoose.
146	Spaulding, W. J. . . .	Sy	Indiana	1854	1856	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
147	Stafford, Charles L. . .	E	Iowa	1870	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
148	Stiles, D. F.	E	"	1896	..	Beacon	Mahaska.
149	Stoddard, Walter P. . .	E	New Engl. South.	1880	1891	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
150	Stryker, Almond W. . .	Sd	Indiana	1850	1856	Victor	Iowa.
151	Stryker, Wm. R.	E	Iowa	1875	..	Marengo	Iowa.
152	Taylor, John H.	E	"	1896	..	Salina	Jefferson.
153	Tennant, Charles L. . .	E	"	1884	..	Fremont	Mahaska.
154	Tennant, E. Lloyd . . .	E	"	1897	..	Iconium	Appanoose.
155	Teter, Isaac P.	E	"	1853	..	New Sharon . .	Mahaska.
156	Thero, Samuel	E	"	1892	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
157	Thomas, Samuel H. . . .	Sd	"	1860	..	Beacon	Mahaska.
158	Thompson, James G. . .	Sd	"	1853	..	Sigourney . . .	Keokuk.
159	Thorn, William G. . . .	E	"	1867	..	Washington . .	Washington.
160	Thornley, Arthur E. . .	E	"	1891	..	Batavia	Jefferson.
161	Tucker, Fred. B. . . .	E	"	1896	..	Ottumwa	Wapello.
162	Tuttle, George M. . . .	E	Vermont	1870	1876	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
163	Van Schoiack, W. C. . .	E	Iowa	1888	..	Barnes City . .	Mahaska.
164	Vanwinkle, James E. . .	E	"	1894	..	Eddyville . . .	Wapello.
165	Waring, Edmund H. . . .	Sd	Baltimore	1850	1857	Oskaloosa . . .	Mahaska.
166	Weese, Renix	E	West Virginia . .	1873	1885	Drakeville . . .	Davis.
167	Wells, Nelson	Sd	Iowa	1852	..	Mt. Pleasant .	Henry.
168	Westfall, Chas. H. . . .	E	Southeast Kansas	..	1893	Thornburg . . .	Keokuk.
169	Wilkins, John E.	E	Iowa	1890	..	Birmingham .	Van Buren.
170	Williams, Charles F. . .	E	"	1880	..	Des Moines . .	Polk.
171	Williams, Walter W. . .	E	"	1896	..	Blue Grass . .	Scott.
172	Willits, John C.	E	"	1891	..	Ft. Madison . .	Lee.
173	Wilson, Charles W. . . .	E	"	1888	..	Lovilia	Monroe.
174	Wilson, William G. . . .	E	"	1870	..	Grinnell	Poweshiek.
175	Zimmerman, C. R. . . .	E	"	1891	..	Victor	Iowa.

NOTE.—E is for Effective; Sd for Superannuated; Sy for Supernumerary.

SUMMARY.

Members of Conference 164
 Probationers 11
 Total 175

Superannuates 16
 Supernumerary 16
 Effective 143

Total 175

SESSIONS AND OFFICERS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

	TIME.	Year.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	STATISTICAL SEC'Y.	TREASURER.
1	August 14-18.	1844	Iowa City	Morris	H. W. Reed		
2	September 3-8.	1845	Burlington	"	"		
3	September 2-7.	1846	Bloomington	Hamline	"		
4	September 1-7.	1847	Mt. Pleasant.	Waugh	Joseph Brooks		
5	August 23-28.	1848	Dubuque	Morris	H. W. Reed		
6	August 8-13.	1849	Ft. Madison	Janes	Langdon Taylor		
7	August 7-12.	1850	Fairfield.	Hamline	J. G. Dimmitt		
8	August 6-11.	1851	Davenport	Waugh	M. H. Hare		
9	Sept. 29 to Oct. 4.	1852	Burlington	Ames	Joseph Brooks		
10	Sept. 28 to Oct. 4.	1853	Oskaloosa	Scott	"		
11	Sept. 27 to Oct. 4.	1854	Dubuque	Morris	H. W. Reed		
12	Sept. 26 to Oct. 3.	1855	Keokuk	Simpson	Joseph Brooks		
13	September 24-30.	1856	Mt. Pleasant	Janes	"		
14	September 24-29.	1857	Des Moines	Ames	"		
15	September 8-14.	1858	Fairfield.	Morris	E. L. Briggs	F. H. Waring	
16	September 7-12.	1859	Muscatine	Simpson	E. H. Waring	James Haynes	
17	Aug. 29 to Sept. 3.	1860	Oskaloosa	Janes	"	Geo. N. Power	
18	August 21-26.	1861	Burlington	Scott	"	"	
19	September 10-15.	1862	Washington	Baker	"	"	
20	September 9-14.	1863	Newton	Ames	"	"	
21	September 14-19.	1864	Keokuk	Janes	"	"	
22	Sept. 27 to Oct. 2.	1865	Mt. Pleasant	"	"	John Haynes	
23	Sept. 26 to Oct. 1.	1866	Knoxville	Ames	"	J. C. Brown	
24	September 18-23.	1867	Ottumwa	Scott	"	"	
25	September 3-7.	1868	Burlington	Janes	"	Kemble, Schreiner	
26	September 1-6.	1869	Muscatine	Thomson	"	Haynes, Byrkit	
27	Sept. 28 to Oct. 3.	1870	Albia.	Ames	"	Schreiner	
28	October 4-9.	1871	Mt. Pleasant	"	"	C. W. Shepherd	
29	October 9-14.	1872	Oskaloosa	Andrews	"	Smith, Clark, Wilson	
30	September 17-21.	1873	Washington	Bowman	"	Stafford, Byrkit, Shane	
31	September 16-21.	1874	Bloomfield.	Haven	"	"	
32	September 15-21.	1875	Keokuk	Merrill	"	"	
33	September 6-12.	1876	Ottumwa	Wiley	Geo. N. Power	Myers, Shepherd	
34	September 5-10.	1877	Fairfield.	Ames	"	"	
35	September 4-10.	1878	Brooklyn	Foster	"	"	
36	September 3-9.	1879	Burlington	Harris	"	"	
37	September 8-13.	1880	Centerville	Hurst	"	"	
38	Aug. 31 to Sept. 5.	1881	Knoxville	Merrill	"	"	
39	September 6-11.	1882	Muscatine	Wiley	"	" Pugh	
40	September 5-10.	1883	Burlington	Simpson	"	"	

SESSIONS AND OFFICERS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.—Continued.

NO.	TIME.	Year.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	STATISTICAL SEC'Y.	TREASURER.
41	September 3-9	1884	Ottumwa	Foster	Geo. N. Power . . .	Myers, Pugh . . . . .	.. . . .
42	September 10-15	1885	Mt. Pleasant	Ninde	"	" Adams	C. W. Shepherd.
43	September 2-7	1886	Washington	Bowman	"	Adams	"
44	September 7-12	1887	Newton	Merrill	"	"	"
45	September 5-10	1888	Oskaloosa	Goodsell	"	"	"
46	September 4-9	1889	Burlington	Warren	"	"	"
47	September 4-8	1890	Grinnell	Joyce	"	"	"
48	September 2-7	1891	Muscataine	Foss	"	"	"
49	September 7-12	1892	Washington	Andrews	"	"	"
50	September 6-11	1893	Mt. Pleasant	Mallalieu	C. I. Stafford	"	"
51	September 12-16	1894	Fairfield	Fowler	"	"	"
52	September 11-16	1895	Ottumwa	Foster	"	"	"
53	September 9-14	1896	Knoxville	Newman	"	"	"
54	September 8-13	1897	Oskaloosa	FitzGerald	"	"	"
55	September 28-October 3	1898	Montezuma	Vincent	"	"	J. S. Pool.

ROLL AND RECORD OF THE BISHOPS.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Ent'r'd the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.	NAME.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Ent'r'd the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.
Thomas Bowman	Evanston, Illinois	1839	1872	Willard F. Mallalieu	Boston, Massachusetts	1858	1884
Randolph S. Foster	Roxbury, Massachusetts	1839	1872	Charles H. Fowler	Buffalo, New York	1861	1884
Stephen M. Merrill	57 Washington St., Chicago	1846	1872	John H. Vincent	Topeka, Kansas	1853	1888
Edward G. Andrews	New York City	1848	1872	James N. FitzGerald	St. Louis, Missouri	1862	1888
Henry W. Warren	Denver, Colorado	1855	1880	Isaac W. Joyce	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1859	1888
Cyrus D. Foss	Philadelphia	1857	1880	John P. Newman	San Francisco, California	1848	1888
John F. Hurst	Washington, D. C.	1858	1880	Daniel A. Goodsell	Chattanooga, Tennessee	1859	1888
W. X. Ninde	Detroit, Michigan	1856	1884	Charles C. McCabe	Ft. Worth, Texas	1860	1896
John M. Walden	Cincinnati, Ohio	1858	1884	Earl Cranston	Portland, Oregon	1867	1896

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NAMES.	BIRTH.	DEATH.	MINISTRY.
Ferree, Uriah	Aug. 7, 1813	1846	1841 to 1846
Knight, William W.	Oct. 20, 1817	May 28, 1847	1844 to 1847
Arrington, Joel . . . . .	. . . . .	July 20, 1851	1833 to 1851
Ockerman, Joseph	1812	August 27, 1850	1842 to 1850
Vail, Solomon T.	1814	July 28, 1852	1849 to 1852
Jamison, Joseph . . . . .	. . . . .	1853 . . . . .	. . . . .
Bishop, Alfred . . . . .	. . . . .	1853	1851 to 1853
Wright, Ansel . . . . .	. . . . .	1854	1847 to 1854
Jay, John	1819	January 1, 1859	1845 to 1859
Clark, Samuel	1800	February 9, 1857	1821 to 1857
McClasky, Isaac	June 11, 1811	February 27, 1860	1837 to 1860
Conrad, George W.	December 15, 1836	April 28, 1860	1857 to 1860
Hammond, J. Q.	June 9, 1809	March 23, 1863	1847 to 1863
Coiner, Erasmus T.	February 2, 1832	June 28, 1862	1857 to 1862
Byrkit, William A.	November 4, 1838	July 2, 1863	1860 to 1863
Simpson, William	January 22, 1812	February 22, 1864	1837 to 1864
Wayman, Manasseh B.	April 9, 1836	July 2, 1864	1857 to 1864
Stewart, Isaac I.	August 4, 1806	August 15, 1864	1837 to 1864
Bussey, Amos	November 20, 1806	January 18, 1865	1837 to 1860
Worthington, David	February 13, 1815	March 1, 1866	1840 to 1866
Crellin, Henry	March 19, 1820	January 1, 1867	1856 to 1867
Boyles, Thomas D.	August 30, 1817	December 16, 1867	1855 to 1866
Hare, Michael H.	December 23, 1817	July 27, 1868	1845 to 1868
Elliott, Charles	May 16, 1792	January 6, 1869	1818 to 1859
Bamford, George W.	March 23, 1824	April 18, 1871	1854 to 1871
Latham, James W.	July 23, 1830	January 1, 1872	1854 to 1865
Donaldson, David	March 22, 1828	July 21, 1872	1854 to 1872
Elliott, John	December 8, 1842	September 5, 1872	1868 to 1872
Power, John H.	March 15, 1798	January 26, 1873	1821 to 1873
Prather, Amos S.	April 17, 1832	April 1, 1873	1857 to 1873
White, James H.	August 2, 1814	July 17, 1873	1837 to 1861
Friend, George	February 21, 1818	October 21, 1873	1855 to 1873
Gortner, B. W.	May 22, 1849	August 21, 1874	1872 to 1874
Smith, David B.	August 3, 1825	March 30, 1875	1869 to 1875
Coddington, Eli H.	July 1, 1837	July 30, 1877	1866 to 1872
Hugans, John W. . . . .	. . . . .	April 12, 1878	1873 to 1878
Ludwig, Silas T. . . . .	. . . . .	July 20, 1878	1877 to 1878
Harris, John	June 5, 1809	July 29, 1881	1845 to 1875
Wheeler, John	April 7, 1815	June 18, 1881	1855 to 1881
Holland, Benjamin	April 11, 1809	January 17, 1883	1853 to 1874
Holtzinger, P. F.	January 6, 1816	May 20, 1883	1843 to 1881
Robinson, Richard S.	March 2, 1807	May 6, 1884	1829 to 1870
Woodford, L. C.	May 21, 1813	September 3, 1884	1841 to 1859
Freeland, J. S.	August 23, 1845	January 2, 1885	1871 to 1885
Berry, Eben C.	October 6, 1845	June 30, 1885	1876 to 1885
McDowell, Joseph	July 11, 1797	October 16, 1885	1833 to 1865
Kirkpatrick, T. M.	June 5, 1813	March 10, 1886	1837 to 1875
Johnson, Allen W.	May 18, 1819	June 27, 1887	1843 to 1872
Allison, Robert J.	September 2, 1855	September 3, 1888	1884 to 1888
Hayden, John	December 16, 1812	July 10, 1888	1841 to 1865
Haynes, John	March 31, 1833	April 16, 1888	1859 to 1888
Gassner, Joseph	September 27, 1811	March 26, 1889	1836 to 1879
Morey, Cyrus	April 11, 1816	March 27, 1890	1851 to 1886
Blackeney, James B.	September 24, 1827	June 18, 1890	1850 to 1890
McCutcheon, James H.	July 3, 1812	November 24, 1890	1839 to 1862
Reynolds, C. P.	December 25, 1821	June 26, 1891	1853 to 1885
Willey, G. F. W.	1821	June 21, 1892	1874 to 1885
Hestwood, S.	August 16, 1822	June 22, 1892	1853 to 1892
Power, G. N.	March 3, 1829	October 26, 1892	1856 to 1892
Orr, John	October 20, 1817	February 2, 1893	1859 to 1883
Smith, S. C.	July 29, 1841	May 22, 1893	1879 to 1892
McDonald, J. W.	March 13, 1834	May 31, 1893	1866 to 1893
Wilson, R. G.	July 5, 1858	June 2, 1894	1883 to 1894
Dunn, C. S. H.	January 7, 1855	August 17, 1894	1880 to 1892
Shelton, O. C.	1816	September 5, 1894	1836 to 1888
Murphy, D.	June 27, 1833	January 29, 1895	1858 to 1895
Clark, G. H.	1828	April 16, 1895	1851 to 1878
Posten, Wm.	July 5, 1825	December 11, 1895	1855 to 1885
Robertson, J. F.	July 23, 1851	July 24, 1896	1877 to 1896
Patterson, W. F.	May 29, 1845	February 1, 1897	1871 to 1897
Burgess, John	May 2, 1821	May 6, 1897	1843 to 1873
Twining, E. W.	October 5, 1814	May 24, 1897	1846 to 1876
Corkhill, T. E.	April 24, 1822	June 30, 1897	1851 to 1890
Mair, Walter F.	December 17, 1861	December 30, 1897	1887 to 1897
Coleman, James T.	September 8, 1817	January 29, 1898	1847 to 1881
Allender, Richard B.	March 25, 1816	April 19, 1898	1853 to 1879
Shepherd, Chas. W.	June 21, 1840	May 31, 1898	1868 to 1898
Lewis, John W.	1855	September 4, 1898	1882 to 1898

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MINISTERS' WIVES.

NAMES.	BORN.	DIED.
Maria La Monte Cowles	January 4, 1836	August 3, 1873.
Esther McDowell	November 7, 1792	November 26, 1872.
N. J. Rankin		August 8, 1873.
Hannah Elliott Shane	August 12, 1849	April 27, 1873.
Harriet Olive Shepherd	December 7, 1850	March 12, 1873.
Josephine Rice	1852	October 20, 1873.
Jennie F. Busby	December, 1841	August 20, 1874.
Mary N. Power	April 26, 1806	January 1, 1876.
Harriet H. Gassner	September 10, 1822	December 23, 1877.
Jane Johnson Briggs		June 20, 1878.
Lucy Shelton	April 1, 1816	February 4, 1878.
Martha A. Smith	November 14, 1844	August 23, 1878.
Clara Ehrman Patterson	April 26, 1851	October 9, 1881.
Ann C. Bean Clark	March 1, 1836	1882.
Elmira R. Allender	August 16, 1820	April 7, 1883.
Milred Holland		October 11, 1883.
Elizabeth Clark	September 4, 1805	1884.
Emma A. Wycoff	1857	March 1, 1884.
Irene Carnine	May 10, 1852	December 10, 1884.
A. B. Busby	August 27, 1857	October 1, 1886.
S. B. Swain	August 4, 1849	March 3, 1886.
Jennie Robinson Adams	June 8, 1854	January 31, 1884.
J. H. McCutcheon	June 3, 1821	July 30, 1885.
J. W. Lewis	April 9, 1862	February 14, 1887.
C. Morey	August 15, 1821	July 28, 1888.
Mary A. Morgan Orr	July 4, 1823	September 28, 1887.
Mary A. Waring	November 16, 1828	November 15, 1887.
R. S. Robinson	July 15, 1825	July 15, 1889.
Georgiana Y. Smith	October 6, 1841	October 12, 1889.
Mary F. Cox	March 20, 1841	November 11, 1889.
Catharine Bamford	April 28, 1831	March 16, 1890.
Sarah Waring	August 30, 1830	August 4, 1890.
Matilda Brown Power	August 20, 1831	August 9, 1890.
Martha W. Stryker	February 1, 1826	April 18, 1891.
Christina S. Hooper	August 28, 1852	July 26, 1891.
Mary B. Kemble	December 26, 1836	July 30, 1891.
Lucretia E. Worthington	August 10, 1835	September 19, 1891.
Jane Collier	December 10, 1840	December 31, 1891.
Martha A. Simmons	March 1, 1832	May 4, 1892.
Louisa Dunlavy	June 1, 1854	September 27, 1892.
Mary A. Holtzinger	September 30, 1820	December 20, 1892.
Martha A. Schreiner	October 19, 1847	December 29, 1892.
Mrs. D. C. Bevan		1892.
Nancy J. Smith	January 16, 1848	February 7, 1894.
Ann Harris	1808	April 7, 1894.
Catherine Friend	December 26, 1821	August 8, 1894.
Nancy Jane Light	September 12, 1833	August 4, 1895.
Rebecca M. Boyles	October 10, 1822	March 24, 1895.
Maria H. Woodford	January 10, 1816	October 27, 1895.
Alice T. Johnson	January 1, 1852	February 25, 1896.
Mary Jane Hill	June 8, 1829	March 3, 1896.
Emily Amelia Hardy	February 17, 1826	December 1, 1896.
Sarah Ann Robinson	July 26, 1821	June 18, 1897.
Catharine A. Blakeney	1829	April 16, 1898.

